

## Our Worship Opportunities



*Let's Worship Together*  
*Sundays at 10:00 A.M.*

### *Sundays in Lent*

**Mar. 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.

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### *Wednesday 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 to help provide a meal. We are requesting donations of soup and bread. Thank you!*

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### *Holy Week Readings ~ 2:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.*

**Mar. 30 ~ Monday Readings**

**Mar. 31 ~ Tuesday Readings**

**Apr. 1 ~ Wednesday Readings**

**Apr. 2 ~ Maundy Thursday Readings  
& Holy Communion**



**Apr. 3 ~ Good Friday Readings**

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**Apr. 5 ~ 7:00 a.m. Easter Dawn Service**

*@ Historic Schoenbrunn Village*

**10:00 a.m. Easter Worship @ First Moravian - Dover**

***Bring your family and friends!***

## **First Moravian Church**

**319 N. Walnut Street, Dover, Ohio 44622**

*March 22, 2026*

*10:00 A.M.*

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<b>Licensed Lay Pastor</b>	Marie Coutts (330-401-1212 cell)
<b>Greeters</b>	Dylan, Leslie, Anja, Mia & Emma Seats
<b>Nursery</b>	Available if needed by a parent & child
<b>Liturgist</b>	Leslie Seats
<b>Usher</b>	Jud Compton
<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
<b>Web Site</b>	<a href="http://www.doverfirstmoravianchurch.org">www.doverfirstmoravianchurch.org</a>

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### **Call to Worship: Chimes**

**Watchword for the Week: In Unison** *The Moravian Daily Texts*

**I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.**

Psalm 130:5

**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* "Ich Ruf' Zu Dir, Herr Jesu Christ"

"I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ"

*J. S. Bach*

\* **Hymn** "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" **H. 548**

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**Scriptures: Romans 8:6-11  
John 11:1-27**

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Page 108**

*Anthem* "Arise and Come to Jesus"  
Chancel Choir

*arr. Drennan*

**Children's Moment and Prayground** Carolyn Menapace  
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!

**Scripture:** **John 11:27-45** **Page 108**

**\* Hymn** "Come, Lazarus" **H. 338**  
**Vs. 1 ~ Choir Vs. 2, 3, 4, 5 ~ Congregation**

**Message:** "Faces of Faith"

**Hymn** "How Firm a Foundation" **H. 709**

**Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**\* Offertory Response – T. Toulon**

*Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;  
use them your holy purpose to fulfill;  
tokens of love and pledges brought anew,  
that our whole life is offered to your will.*

**Offertory Prayer**

**\* Liturgy – Lent 1** **Page 72**

**\* Benediction**

*Postlude* "Jesus, Source of My Salvation" **T. 168 A**  
*Recorded by Moravian Lower Brass  
Moravian Music Foundation, 2014*

**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.

Our **thanks** to **all who helped with the service** by sharing their talent 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.



**Today: Prayground Sunday during 10 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.



Oops! Our apologies to Blair Hillyer for omitting his name as a greeter last Sunday. Thank you, Blair and Jodi.

### **Flowers**

The two vases of spring flowers are in loving memory of my mother, Waneta Newland, given by her daughter, Jane Newland.

The single vase of spring flowers is given in gratefulness and love for our wonderful family and in memory of Hallie.

Ade and Carol Schaar

**Flowers:** If you desire to provide flowers for **Sun., April 12**, please contact Karen in the church office, 330-364-8831, by Mar. 27. Thank you.

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

Julie and Steve Williams are sponsoring our One Call Now this week.

### **Stewardship Moment**

And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. *6 Hebrews 13:16*

### **Attendance from Last Sunday**

Sunday School 27 Worship ~ 10 AM 92 Mid-Week Lent 18

**REMINDER:** When members are hospitalized or need a special visit, please contact Pastor Marie Coutts at 330-401-1212 or by email: [mcouts@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mcouts@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. 22 Francie Bente, Abby Wyant  
Mar. 23 Cheryl Wallace, Lauren Coutts, Darlene Reese  
Mar. 24 Diana France  
Mar. 25 Julie Williams, Edie Armstrong, Jacob Kosmala  
Mar. 26 Tom Armstrong  
Mar. 27 Delaney Erickson, Michael Laughlin  
Mar. 28 Jaclyn Erickson

## The Dover Moravian Messenger

Sunday 10:00 AM Worship ó Sanctuary  
 Noon-5 PM Confirmation Retreat @ Dover First Mor.

Monday 7:45 AM Counting ó Living Room  
 9:00 AM Staff Meeting ó Church Office

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

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

Wednesday 10:30 AM Praying in Color @ Shirley Thompsonø

**5:15 PM Lent Supper – Social Hall**

**5:45-6:45 PM Lent Study – Social Hall**

6:30 PM Chancel Choir ó Choir Loft  
 Menø Bible Study ó Living Room 215

**Thursday 9:00 AM Church Office Closed ~ Carpets Cleaned**  
 – Office, Living Room, Main Rug, Narthex & Prep Room

Friday Noon Bible Study ó Living Room

Saturday 9:00 AM Prep. for Confirmation Breakfast ó Kit./SH  
 10:00 AM Confirmation Breakfast ó Social Hall and  
 Rehearse for Sunday & Photos ó Sanctuary

1:30 PM Music begins for Funeral service ó Sanct.  
 2:00 PM C. John Funeral ó Sanctuary, followed by  
 Light Refreshments & Time of Fellowship ó S. H.

4:00 PM Reeves Bell Rehearsal ó Sanctuary

*Palm Sunday* 9:00 AM Sunday School ó C.S. Rooms  
 10:00 AM Worship & Confirmation ó Sanctuary



### 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](http://www.moravian.org/equip)

For questions email [amy@mcnp.org](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup> and then in the Fall.

## *Men's Community Fellowship Breakfast*



**Saturday, April 18**  
**from 9-11 AM**  
**Salvation Army**



809 Emmett Avenue NW, New Philadelphia

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!



## *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.**

## **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**  
**319 N. Walnut Street, Dover**



## 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.

### Our Christian Education Opportunities

#### OMMC Pilgrimage Toward Racial Justice & Healing

Join other Ohio Moravians on a one-day trip to the National Afro-American Museum & Cultural Center in Wilberforce, Ohio on **Saturday, April 18.**

We will meet at Schoenbrunn Moravian at 7 a.m. and return at approximately 5:00 p.m.



**Sign up in the lobby Today, March 22.**

*Please contact Carolyn Menapace with questions.*

Van travel and museum admission will be paid for through a Northern Province Racial Justice Team pilgrimage grant. Your only cost will be lunch on the way home.

#### **Spring Rally: April 10-12**

Spring Rally will be held at the FFA Leadership Center in Trafalgar, IN. Youth in 6<sup>th</sup> grade through age 21 are invited!



Visit <https://msync.weebly.com> for registration and more details. **Registration will be due by Tuesday, March 31.**

**To reserve a seat on the van** leaving from Dover First, contact Carolyn Menapace at [christian.edu@doverfirstmoravianchurch](mailto:christian.edu@doverfirstmoravianchurch) or 330-204-7089. **Cost is \$20 per rider**, payable to First Moravian Church.

## 2026 EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA

**APRIL 4, 2026 | 9:30-11:00 AM**

Join us for a special indoor Easter Event for kids through 5th grade!

Egg hunting plus other activities, crafts and games.

**DOVER FIRST MORAVIAN CHURCH  
319 N WALNUT ST; DOVER, OH**

#### **Dutch Valley Dinner and a Show**

Come with us to dinner and a show!  
**Thursday, September 17**

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

Mark your calendar now.  
Reservations and payments will be due in August.

Cost for **family-style** meal and show is \$68.00.  
*(or \$47.00 for show only)*

