

First Moravian Church

319 N. Walnut Street, Dover, Ohio 44622

Sept. 6, 2026

10:00 A.M.

Pastor	Jay Petrella
Greeter	Barbara Gennert
Nursery	Available if needed by a parent & child
Scripture Reader	Scott Minor
Usher	Scott Minor
Director of Music	G. Randall Gibbs
Director of Faith Formation	Carolyn Menapace
Custodian	Sam Paden
Administrative Assistant	Karen Baker
Web Site	www.doverfirstmoravianchurch.org

Call to Worship: Chimes

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

**Give me understanding, O Lord, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.** Psalm 119:34

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 "Elegy" Thalben-Ball

* **Hymn** "I've Got Peace Like a River" **H. 592**

* **Liturgy – Stewardship** **Page 154**

Special Music "I Love to Dwell in Spirit" David Moritz Michael
Kathy Bergstrom, Soprano 1751-1857

Prayers of the People
"The Lord's Prayer" **H. 828**

Scriptures:
Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11 **Page 893**
Epistle Reading: Romans 13:8-14 **Page 169**

Hymn "We Give You But Your Own" **H. 657**

Scripture:
Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20 **Page 20**

Children's Moment Pastor Jay

Hymn "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" **H. 723, vs. 1**

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

*I am Jesus' little lamb;
ever glad at heart I am;
for my Shepherd gently guides me,*

*knows my need and well provides me,
loves me ev'ry day the same,
even calls me by my name.*

Message: "It's Not Complicated"

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

* **Offertory Response – Hymn** *T. Lasst uns erfreuen*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below; O praise God! Alleluia!
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! O praise God! Alleluia!
O praise God! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

* **Offertory Prayer**

* **Hymn** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" **H. 771**

* **Benediction**

Postlude "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" *Arranged*

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 gifts 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.



Attendance from Last Sunday ~ 129

Flowers

The flowers are in memory of Gwen Floyd.
Love, Janet

One Call Now ~ 330-364-8831

Barbara Gennert is sponsoring our One Call Now this week.

Prayers for the People

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

Birthday and Anniversary Daily Prayer Support

Sept. 6 Susan Corder, Fiana Gennert Burke
 Anniv: Rick & Jaclyn Erickson

Sept. 7 Shirley Kimble;
Anniversary Congratulations!
Paul & Joan Hill ~ 49 years

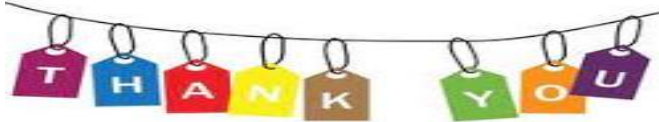
Sept. 8 Jack Shores

Sept. 9 Steve Burgess;
Anniversary Congratulations!
Steve & Beth Rondinella ~ 37 yrs.

Sept. 10 Bethanie Moser, Natalie Coutts

Sept. 11 Josh Garvin

Sept. 12 Megan Evans, Brenda Crilow



Thanks to our church volunteers, numerous jobs were completed recently which included: Sorting Christmas & Easter decorations, servicing the ice machine, detail cleaning the kitchen stove and oven, electrical work, painting the pipe barriers in the alley & handicap ramp areas, flower beds - general weeding, etc., check downspout elbow & sleeve in flower bed next to the social hall, pressure washing sidewalks, front steps, back entrance to sanctuary & kitchen, and set-up & clean-up Sanctuary & Social Hall for Pastor Jay's Installation on Aug. 30.

Volunteers helping Sam Paden included:
Susan Corder, Becky & Larry Kutcher, Sandy & Gary Martin, Julie Williams, Janie Miller, Pam Smith, Doyle & Jill Martin, Bev Antonelli, Becky Mastin, Jean Richardson, Terry Burrell, Pastor Jay Petrella, Dave Yoder, Brenda Gordon, and Jack Sweitzer. Your help was greatly appreciated!

The Dover Moravian Messenger

Today



Prayer Shawl Ministry

This small group will meet **today, Sept. 6,** in the **church living room** at **1:00 p.m.**

Questions: Contact Edie Santee, Susan Paden or Pamela Schmitzer.

Monday *Labor Day ~ Church Office Closed*
 9:00 AM Counting i Living Room

Tuesday

Buckeye Adult Classes: T & Th – GED 9-Noon; ESOL 6-9 PM – Basement

6:00 PM Trustees Meeting i Social Hall

Wednesday



Praying in Color Bible Study

Wednesday, September 9

Come join us this **Wednesday** at the **home of Patty Gintz** (1803 N. Walnut, Dover). We will meet at **10 a.m.** for our Bible Study, then go swimming in Patty's pool.

Wednesday, Sept. 16, we will meet at **10 a.m.** in the home of **Shirley Thompson** (342 S. Reeves Avenue, Dover).

Please note our new meeting time.

6:30 PM Chancel Choir i Choir Loft

Thursday 8 AM Thurs.-Fri. 10 PM i Painting 1st Floor Living Room
 6-7:30 PM Elijah Study i Social Hall

Sunday 10:00 AM Worship i Sanctuary



Congregational Rally Day Brunch

The church family gathers to celebrate a new Sunday School year!

All members and friends are invited to the brunch. Come enjoy pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage and fellowship as we learn about the new classes being offered for all ages this fall.

Sunday, September 13, in the Social Hall
(immediately following worship)

Our Worship Opportunities



at 10:00 A.M.

Sept. 13 ~ Worship & 2nd Grade Bible Presentations
Following Worship ~ Rally Day Brunch ~ Social Hall

Sept. 20 ~ Worship, Prayground & Faith Formation
 Commissioning

Sept. 27 ~ Worship
4-7:00 PM Fall Festival @ Gibbs Farm

Oct. 4 ~ World Communion Sunday ~ All are invited.



Bring your family and friends!

Our Fellowship Opportunity



*Ecumenical
 Men's Breakfast*



Men...don't miss our Fall Kick-off Breakfast!

The fellowship will be enjoyable and the food will be fabulous!

Bring your friends!

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 19,**
 from **9-11:00 a.m.** in the social hall at the
First Moravian Church of Dover.

Our Christian Education Opportunities

Elijah Bible Study



You're invited to a one-session Bible study on the prophet Elijah. He performed miracles, confronted King Ahab and Queen Jezebel and challenged 450 prophets of Baal.

If you're coming to our evening at Dutch Valley/Ohio Star Theater this will be a great preview of some parts of the musical. If you're not, it will still be a great refresher on this major Old Testament prophet.



Thursday, September 10,
 from **6-7:30 p.m.** in the Social Hall.
Ice cream will be served!

Zoom Bible Study



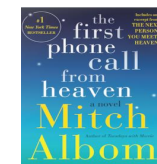
A Bible study that you can join from anywhere! This is a great chance to connect with members and friends near and far, from the comfort of your home.

Tuesdays from 9-10:00 a.m. (note the new time)

Join Carolyn Menapace for a study of the Minor Prophets **beginning Tuesday, September 15.** **Contact Carolyn for help getting set up on Zoom, or for a one-on-one Zoom session so you can get comfortable with the technology.**

Breakfast Book Club is Back!

Our faith-based book club returns this fall. We will meet one Saturday morning each month at **Missions Café at 8:00 a.m.** Check out our first fall selection:



September 19: The First Phone Call from Heaven (Mitch Albom)

This novel is set in Coldwater, Michigan, where several townspeople suddenly receive phone calls from individuals who have died. These calls claim to come from heaven, prompting media attention, pilgrimages, and widespread debate about whether the phenomenon is a miracle or a hoax.