First Moravian Church

319 N. Walnut Street, Dover, Ohio 44622

November 22, 2026 *10:00 A.M.*

Pastor	Jay Petrella
Nursery	Available if needed by a parent & child
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

Youth Sunday

Chimes

Watchword for the Week: In Unison *The Moravian Daily Texts*
God says, "I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak." Ezekiel 34:16

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 *"Rejoice the Lord Is King"* *arr. Vandall*
G. Randall Gibbs, Rebecca Kutcher

Call to Worship: Psalm 95:1-7a (Psalms of Wonder)

**** Hymn*** ***"All Hail the Pow'r of Jesus' Name"*** ***H. 403***

*** Liturgy: Reign of Christ** **Pg. 109**

Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer

Anthem *"O, Rest in the Lord"* *Mendelssohn*
Kathy Bergstrom, Soprano

Scripture Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 (NRSVUE)
Ephesians 1:15-23 (NRSVUE)

Hymn ***"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"*** ***H. 688***

Gospel Reading: **Matthew 25:31-46** (The Message)

Message for All Ages: "The Sparkle Box"

Prayer

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**

**** Hymn*** ***"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*** ***H. 405***

*** Benediction**

Postlude *"Halle, Halle, Halle"* *arr. Hopson*
Chancel Choir
Nicholas Menapace, Percussion

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.

Special thanks to the Youth who participated in the **service:** Ryder Argento, Louisa Compton, Theodora Compton, Gabriel Corder, Noah Corder, Addey Erickson, Landon Kutcher, Leah Kutcher, Jase Perkowski, Reagan Perkowski, Matthew Peveto, Anja Seats, Emma Seats, Mia Seats, Trevor Shuss, Tucker Shuss, and MJ Stubbins.

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.



Decorating the Church for the Christmas Season

Today there will be a **Potluck Lunch at 11:00 a.m.** followed by decorating the church.

You are invited to help decorate the church for the Christmas Season, from **Noon-2:00 p.m.** Extra hands would be appreciated.



Flowers

The flowers are in loving memory of Kay Rohn, given by Denny Rohn.

One Call Now ~ 330-364-8831

Barbara Gennert is sponsoring our One Call Now this week.

One Call Now Sponsors are needed for the following weeks: **May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 and June 6, 13, 20 & 27.** If you desire to sponsor one week or more, please call Karen Baker in the church office, 330-364-8831. **Cost: $20 per week.**

Attendance from Last Sunday

Sunday School 24 Worship ~ 10 AM 91

Prayers for the People

CC: John & Cinda Pixler; **Hennis** (Dover): Bonnie Auman; **Park Village** (Dover): Joyce Brewer, Bill Cozart, Suzanne Rinderknecht; (New Phila.): Richard & Zoe Ann Kelley.

Birthday and Anniversary Daily Prayer Support

Nov. 22 Zackary Hoop
Nov. 24 Sharyn Minor, Anna Kimble, Linda Edwards
Anniv: Gene & Lin Sidel
Nov. 25 Jackson Everett; Nov. 26 Madison Hisrich
Nov. 27 Erin Petrella
Nov. 28 *Adelia Hobart - Happy 88th Birthday!*
Emily Burrell, Jacob Corder, Jon P. Stingel
Anniv: Joe & Bev Antonelli
Nov. 29 Cade Miller



Our Mission and Outreach Opportunities



24-Hour Unity Prayer Watch
Monday, December 21



Each year we have the privilege to be in prayer for the Unity of the Moravian Church. These prayers stretch out over 27 provinces throughout the world.

Our time slots are: **4-5 AM; 8-11 AM; 8-9 PM; 10-11 PM; and Midnight-1 AM.**

A Sign-up sheet is on the clipboard in the lobby or you can call the church office to sign up. Pick a time and spend some quality time away from all distractions and pray. *Information sheets are available near the sign-up sheets.*

11-2 PM Advent Potluck Lunch & Decorating for Christmas



Let's begin the Advent season with some church family fellowship! All are invited to stay after worship **Today** for lunch.

If you did not bring a dish to share, please don't let that stop you from joining us for lunch. There is always more than enough to go around!

Then **consider staying after lunch to help decorate the church building for the season.** Check in with Susan Corder if you are able to help.

Monday	9:00 AM	Counting ï Living Room
	6:30 PM	Reeves Bells Rehearsal ï Room 211
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Zoom Bible Study
Buckeye Adult Classes: T – ESOL 6-9 PM – Basement		
	6:30 PM	Chancel Choir ï Choir Loft
	7:00 PM	OMMC @ Schoenbrunn Mor. Church
Wednesday-Friday ~ Church Office Closed		
Thursday	***Happy Thanksgiving! ~ Count Your Many Blessings!***	
Sunday	9-9:45 AM	Sunday School ï C.S. Rooms
All youth – 12th grade ~ Advent Youth S. S. Lesson & Craft		
	10:00 AM	Worship & Advent Lovefeast ï Sanctuary
	6:00 PM	Advent Communion @ Sharon Mor. Church

2027 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

WILL BE AVAILABLE to pick up Dec. 6.



If your name is on a check or on a plain envelope, you are given credit for your giving. If you would like to give electronically, or update your electronic giving through our service with Vanco, or using your bank, which can save time and expenses that we incur, a form is available in the church office. If you are not receiving giving envelopes and would like them for 2027, please let Julie Williams know. Also, if you currently have envelopes and do not need them, please let Julie know. If you have any questions, (regarding electronic giving, envelopes or statements) please call or text Julie Williams at 330-933-9707 or email at juliewill1411@gmail.com

All giving must be received by 9 AM on Wed., Dec. 30, to be counted toward your 2026 contributions.

2027 Daily Texts – There is **1 Paperback Text** available in the church office. Cost is **$15.**

Our Worship Opportunities





Sundays at 10:00 A.M.



Advent Begins



Nov. 29 ~ Worship & Advent Lovefeast ~ 10 A.M.



6:00 p.m. Advent Communion service @ Sharon Moravian Church. This is our gathering of six Moravian Churches in the Valley coming together for worship and communion. What a real blessing. Don't miss this opportunity. Let's have a great turnout for this event as we praise the Lord and enhance your Advent walk, you will be enriched in the spirit.

Dec. 7 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. Worship

2:00 p.m. Christmas Lovefeast and Candlelight service at Historic Schoenbrunn Village ~ Dress warmly for this simple gathering of family and friends in worship. The service includes many Moravian traditions for the Advent/Christmas season and lots of carols to sing.





Advent Lessons & Carols @ St. Joseph's Catholic Ch.



5:30 PM ~ Bell Prelude
6:00 PM ~ Carol Service



Our Christian Education Opportunities



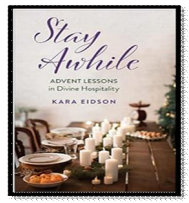
Sparkle Box Sunday School

Create your own "Sparkle Box!" Each household is encouraged to take supplies home and make a Sparkle Box just like in the story shared on Youth Sunday. Throughout Advent, write down the special gifts you're giving in honor of Jesus' birthday and place them in the box.

Then on **Sunday, December 27,** bring your Sparkle Box to Sunday School. All ages will gather as one class to share what our gifts were and talk about what really made our Christmas season sparkle!

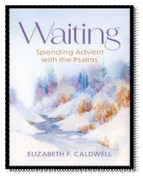
Stay Awhile Study
November 30, December 7, 14, and 21 ~ 2:00-3:00 p.m.

This Advent . . . "Stay Awhile". You are invited to afternoon Advent devotions and discussion.



We will gather in the social hall over a cup of tea and focus on a different aspect of divine hospitality each week: invite, plan, prepare, welcome.

Let's find out how these themes can help us prepare to welcome Jesus at Christmas.



Advent Zoom Bible Study

Join us for a special Advent series: "Waiting: Spending Advent with the Psalms," **December 1, 8, 15 and 22**. Each **Tuesday morning** of Advent from **9-10:00 a.m.** 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.

Advent Study with the Northern Province Racial Justice Team
December 2, 9 and 16 ~ 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Zoom link will be available at www.moravian.org

The MCNP Racial Justice Team's ***New Way of Being*** Advent Series returns. Gather virtually and experience this year's theme of **"Being Ready: What Does it Mean to Live the Advent Love of Christ."**