

First Moravian Church

319 N. Walnut Street, Dover, Ohio 44622

December 29, 2024

10:00 A.M.

Part-time Pastor	Denny Rohn (610-216-7467 cell)
Greeters	Tom & Karen Armstrong
Nursery	Available if needed by a parent and child
Welcome	Elizabeth Snider
Liturgist	John Stubbins
Director of Music	G. Randall Gibbs
Director of Faith Formation	Carolyn Menapace
Custodian	Sam Paden
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First Sunday of Christmas

(This service of Lessons and Carols is an adaptation by the late Rev. Dr. Albert H. Frank of the "British Methodist Christmas Service of Praise." The scripture references have been omitted as the worshipper is invited to hear the words of Scripture, think of their meaning and join in the carols and hymns allowing the word of God to dwell in the hearts of all.)

Call to Worship: *Chimes*

Watchword for the Week: In Unison *The Moravian Daily Texts*
**Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name
alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.**
Psalm 148:13

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Fanfare and Fuge on Good King Wenceslas" *Uehlein*

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Prayers of the People

"*The Lord's Prayer*" **H. 828**

First Scripture Lesson

The Prophets Foretell His Coming

H. 274

*O Come, O come, Immanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lowly exile here
until the Son of God appear.*

(Refrain)

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel!*

*O come, O wisdom from on high,
and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.*

(Refrain)

*O come, O bright and morning star,
and bring us comfort from afar!
Dispel the shadows of the night,
and turn our darkness into light.*

(Refrain)

*O come, Desire of Nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife and quarrels cease;
fill the whole world with heav'n's peace.*

(Refrain)

Second Scripture Lesson

The Annunciation of Mary

T. Good King Wenceslas

*Sing of Mary, blest is she! Mother of the Savior!
"Yes!" said she to Gabriel's plea, "Yes!" to God forever.
"Yes!" for every woman born. "Yes!" for every nation
"Yes! For even the unborn. "Yes!" for all creation.*

(text by Vincent Wm. Uher, III, 1996)

Third Scripture Lesson

The Birth of the Savior of the World

H. 292

*Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed.
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.*

*He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor and meek and lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.*

*And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming
love,
for that Child, so dear and gentle, is our Lord in heav'n above,
and he leads his children on to the place where he has gone.*

Anthem

*“Away in the Manger”
Chancel Choir*

arr.

*This star drew nigh to the northwest,
o’er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay.*

(Refrain)

*Then entered in those wise men three,
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.*

(Refrain)

Fourth Gospel Lesson

The Adoration of the Shepherds

H. 296, vs. 1-4, 6

*While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around, and glory shown around.*

*“Fear not,” said he, for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind,
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and humankind, to you and humankind.”*

*“To you, in David’s town this day,
is born of David’s line
the Savior, who is Christ the Lord,
and this shall be the sign, and this shall be the sign.”*

*“The heav’nly babe you there shall find
to human view displayed
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands
and in a manger laid, and in a manger laid.”*

*“All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
good will henceforth from heav’n to all
begin and never cease, begin and never cease.”*

Fifth Scripture Lesson

The Adoration of the Magi

H. 290, vs. 3-5

*And by the light of that bright star,
three wise men came from country far.
To seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.*

(Refrain)

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.*

Sixth Scripture Lesson

The Message and Meaning of the Incarnation

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H. 298

*Christ the Lord, the Lord most glorious, now is born; O shout aloud!
We by him are made victorious; praise the Savior, hail our God!*

*Praise the Lord! On us is shining Christ, the sun of righteousness;
he, to us in love inclining, cheers our souls with pard’ning grace.*

*Praise the Lord, whose saving splendor shines into the darkest
night;
O what praises shall we render for this never-ceasing light.*

*Praise the Lord, God our salvation, praise him who retrieved our
loss;
sing, with awe and love’s sensation, hallelujah, God with us.*

Hymn

“O Come, Little Children”

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

*O come, little children, come one and come all,
O come to the manger in Bethlehem’s stall,
and see what our Father in heaven above,
has sent to us all on this earth with his love.*

*O see in the manger so meek and so mild,
O see in the soft light the heavenly Child,
in swaddling clothes folded, his beauty more sweet
than angels, whose voices his lowly birth greet.*

*His bed, little children, a manger with hay;
his mother and Joseph in ecstasy pray,
the Shepherds in wonder their glad worship bring,
while chorus of angels sweet Glorias sing.*

Children’s Moment

Carolyn Menapace

Selection of the Watchword for the Congregation 2025

French Carol

Rocherolle

Lauren Yoder, Oboe

April Yoder, Flute

* Unison Benediction:

Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared for all people. Go with me and all who worship you today, and give us your peace. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

* Benediction Response:

H. 301, vs. 3

*Be near me, Lord Jesus! I ask you to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.*

* Silent Meditation

Postlude

"Go Tell It on the Mountain" *arr. Robert Vandall*

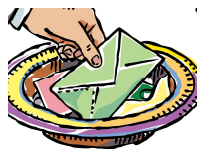
Rebecca Kutcher and G. R. Gibbs

Chimes

** Please stand if you are able.*

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Please note: If you have a cell phone, please turn it off 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.



The Offering Basket is labeled and located on the table on the right as you enter the sanctuary.

Our **thanks** to **The Rev. Denny Rohn** for bringing the message and to **all who helped with the service** by sharing their talent for the Lord and God's people today.

Name Tags: As a courtesy, please wear your name tag on Sunday morning, so Pastor Denny can learn your name. He already knows many of you, but for those he does not know, this is a way for him to learn your name. If you do not have a name tag, please contact Karen in the church office and a name tag will be made available for you. Thank you.

Flowers

The **vases of flowers** are in loving memory of Dean Miller, given by Phyllis, Teresa and family.



Flowers are needed for the following Sundays: **Jan. 12, Feb. 2, March 2, 23 & 30.** If you would like to provide flowers for one of these Sundays, please contact Karen in the church office.



One Call Now ~ 330-364-8831

Terry and Susan Corder are sponsoring our One Call Now this week.

Stewardship Moment

We offer our gifts and talents as a response to what God has already done for us in Jesus Christ.

David N. Mosser, author of The Stewardship Companion

Attendance from Last Sunday

Sunday School 34 Worship ~ 10 AM 145

Prayers for the People

Amberwood: Laura Colvin; **Hennis** (Dover): Bonnie Auman;
Park Village (Dover): Joyce Brewer, Bill Cozart, Suzanne Rinderknecht, Milly Sudduth.

Birthday and Anniversary Daily Prayer Support

Dec. 29 Sara Holmes, Steve Williams
Dec. 30 Gracen Gerbig; Anniv: Jon & Joyce Stingel
Dec. 31 Rick Michel, Jr.
Jan. 1 Courtney Wallace
Jan. 2 Adrian Schaar, Ross Randazzo, Brian Bullock
Jan. 3 Kristin Becker, Abigail Houk, Zachary Kosmala
Anniv: Jim & Cynthia Seaman
Jan. 4 Violet Schmitzer; Anniv: Beau & Rosey Smith

The Dover Moravian Messenger

Sunday 10:00 AM Worship ó Sanctuary
Soup Orders Taken ó Lobby

Monday 9:00 AM Counting ó Living Room

The deadline for 2024 giving is Today, December 30, at 9 AM.

Any offerings received after that will be credited to your 2025 contributions.

If you did not receive 2025 offering envelopes and would like to have them, please contact the church office or Julie Williams at 330-933-9707 or email her at juliewill1411@gmail.com.

Wednesday *New Year's Day* ~ Church Office Closed

Thursday 9:00 AM **Deadline: Church Council Reports** due in Church Office

6-9:00 PM Buckeye Adult Evening Class ó Basement

Sunday 8:00 AM NO Sunrise Sunday School Class ó Room 215
9:00 AM Sunday School ó Social Hall
Soup Orders Taken ó Lobby
10:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion ó Sanctuary
1:00 PM Mission Meeting @ Sch. Mor. Church
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry ó Living Room



Prayer Shawl Ministry

This small group will meet next **Sunday, January 5**, in the church living room at 1:00 p.m. If you would like to learn how to knit or crochet, and make prayer shawls, come join us! We hope to see you next Sunday in the church living room.

If you are unable to make this meeting, mark your calendar for the first Sunday of the month at 1 p.m. and plan to attend and bring a friend! If you have any questions, please see Edie Santee, Susan Paden, or Pamela Schmitzer.

Our Worship Opportunities



Come Worship with Us

Each Sunday at 10:00 A.M. in the New Year!

Jan. 5 ~ Worship at 10:00 a.m. with Epiphany Holy Communion



Jan. 12 ~ Worship

Jan. 19 ~ Worship

Jan. 26 ~ Worship followed by a light lunch and Church Council

Bring your family and friends!

To Remind You



Annual Church Council Reminder...

All reports are due in the church office by 9 A.M. on Thursday, January 2, 2025.

The report should include a summary of what took place during the year, mention of membership, plans for the coming year, as well as a financial report. Financial reports should show both income and expenses. E-mail your report to: admin.assistant@firstmoravianchurch.org

Your cooperation in meeting this deadline will be appreciated in order to have the annual report packets ready for distribution on January 12. Thank you.

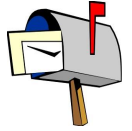
VISION 2025:

The Church Council will give direction for Vision 2025 and beyond by:



- Electing three Elders to the Board of Elders
- Electing three Trustees to the Board of Trustees
- Electing a member to the Christian Education Committee
- Electing a representative to the Sperling-Zimmerman Home Committee
- Electing two representatives to the Ohio Moravian Ministries Commission (OMMC)
- Receiving reports from all ministries
- Approving the ministry budget for 2025

A Friendly Reminder:



- Please keep the church office informed of **new addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, and new additions to your family.**
- If you would like to **receive the newsletter via email**, please notify the church office with your email address.
- If you would prefer to **receive the newsletter via the post office**, please let us know in the church office and your name will be added to our mailing list.
- If you **misplace your Sunday bulletin or bi-monthly newsletter**, just go directly to the church website doverfirstmoravianchurch.org and select what you would like to read. Information on the website is in color, so be sure to check it out!

Our Mission and Outreach Opportunities

SOUP'S ON! On Sunday, January 12, you will once again



have the opportunity to purchase quarts of homemade soup prepared by the Moravian Women following the morning worship service.

Soup choices are **cheesy broccoli, chicken noodle, stuffed pepper and vegetable beef.** **Preorders will be taken in the lobby on the following Sundays: Today and January 5.** The cost will be \$8.00 per quart. Proceeds from the soup sale will be used to support the ongoing funding of projects within our congregation, community and the world. Nothing tastes better than a warm bowl of soup on a cold wintry day!



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Moravian Mission Trips in 2025

Do you feel the call to do some mission work this spring and summer? Anyone high school age and up can come on these mission trips. There are two opportunities to go on one or both mission trips. Dates could shift by a day or two: **April 4-12 and June 13-22, 2025**. Lodging for both mission teams will be at Laurel Ridge Camp and Retreat Conference Center in North Carolina, with most meals being provided by Laurel Ridge. We will work in a nearby community and at Laurel Ridge. **Our next meeting will be Sunday, January 5, at 1:00 p.m. in Schoenbrunn Moravian Church.** At this meeting we will start the planning process for these two trips. We would like commitments for the April and June trip at this meeting with the **\$75 commitment for each trip on that date.** This will allow us to hit the ground running with our fundraising efforts in the beginning of 2025.

If interested, contact Pastor Ben Lippert at 330-440-4705 pastor@scmchurch.org or Sam Paden at 330-987-1769 psampaden@roadrunner.com for more information, or come to the next meeting.

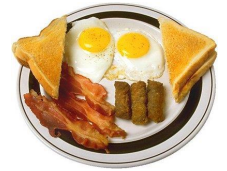
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What's coming up!

Ecumenical Men's Fellowship Breakfast



Saturday, January 18
from 9-11 AM



St. Joseph's Catholic Church
613 N. Tusc. Avenue, Dover

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!

Our Christian Education Opportunities

VBS Donations

Are you getting rid of an old artificial Christmas tree this season? Donate it to the church and help us create a forest for VBS 2025! With or without lights is fine – lights do not have to work.

We're also collecting clean 5-gallon buckets. Contact Carolyn Menapace to coordinate drop-off.



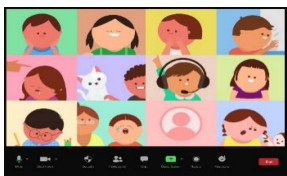
Note: Trees and buckets will not be returned

Zoom Bible Study

Zoom Bible study is taking a break for the holidays. Join us in the new year as we take a look at several Psalms and Parables. What do these ancient songs and timeless tales have to teach us today?

Join Carolyn Menapace every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. in January and February.

Note: There will be no Zoom on Tuesday, January 28.



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.

Moravian Bowling Bash



Sunday, January 19, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m., join other Tuscarawas County Moravians and friends for our annual bowling bash at Wabash Lanes!

\$10.00 per bowler includes shoe rental, unlimited games, and snacks. Bring your friends and family!

Mark Your Calendar...Events for 2025

A few dates to remember in the new year:

Spring Rally: April 4-6

Vacation Bible School – “True North”: June 9-13
9:00-Noon – Monday through Friday

Youth Convo (completed 9th grade – 12th grade): **July 2-7**

Tar Hollow (completed 7th grade – age 21): **July 20-26**

Camp Bethany (completed 2nd – 6th grade): **August 4-8**

