

# First Moravian Church

319 N. Walnut Street, Dover, Ohio 44622

December 22, 2024

10:00 A.M.

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<b>Greeters</b>	Linda Bayer & Cloey Colwell
<b>Nursery</b>	Available if needed by a parent and child
<b>Welcome</b>	Elizabeth Snider, Elder V-Chair
<b>Advent Candle Lighters</b>	Dylan, Leslie, Anja, Mia & Emma Seats
<b>Liturgist</b>	John Stubbins
<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
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## The Children's Christmas Pageant

### Call to Worship: Chimes

**Watchword for the Week: In Unison**    *The Moravian Daily Texts*  
**God has brought down the powerful from their  
thrones, and lifted up the lowly.** Luke 1:52

### Welcome and Announcements

*Prelude*                      “Wie Schön Leuchtet”                      arr. Burkhardt  
   “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”  
   1. Chorale      3. Rondo

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

**“People in Darkness Are Looking for Light”**    *H. 266, vs. 4*

*Sunday School Christmas Pageant*

**Hymn**                      “Joy to the World, the Lord Is Come”                      *H. 294*

**\* Liturgy for Advent 2**    *Pages 54-58*

### Prayers of the People

**“The Lord’s Prayer”**    *H. 828*

### Holy Scriptures

**Epistle Lesson:**                      **Hebrews 10:5-10**                      **Page 240**

**Gospel Lesson:**                      **Luke 1:39-45**                      **Page 58**

**Hymn**                      **“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”**                      *H. 483*

**Message:**                      **“Law of Love”**  
   The Rev. Dennis G. Rohn

### Prayer

**\* Hymn**                      **“Once He Came in Blessing”**                      *H. 273*

### \* Benediction

### Time of Reflection

*Anthem*                      “We Wait”                      *Schram*  
   Chancel Choir

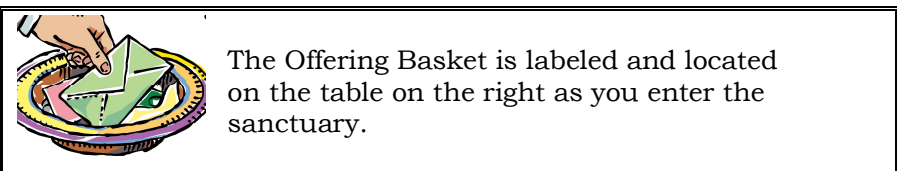
### Chimes

*\* Please stand if you are able.*

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**Check in with us at First Moravian Church:** 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.

**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.



**Special Thanks** to **The Rev. Dennis Rohn** for bringing the message this morning.

## *The Children's Christmas Pageant*

**Title: "Hey! Unto You a Child Is Born!  
A Folk-Song Christmas"**

Written & Directed by: Tessa Compton  
Music by: Josh Compton

**Mary:** Anja Seats

**Joseph:** Trevor Shuss

**Jesus:** Jameson Garvin

**Shepherds:** Barrett Moser, Braxton Moser, Emma Seats

**Wise Men:** Jaxton Garvin, Tucker Shuss, Jase Perkowski

**Angels:** Louisa Compton, Addey Erickson, Mia Seats,  
Jayda Cope, Vienna Wright, Reagan Perkowski,  
Theodora Compton

**Sheep:** Gabriel Corder, Ryder Argento, M.J. Stubbins,  
Jaiden Garvin, Noah Corder

Our **thanks** to **all who helped with the service** by sharing their talent for the Lord and God's people today.

The Christian Education Committee is hosting our **Coffee Hour** today. Please join us in the social hall following worship.



## **Flowers**

The two vases of flowers are in memory of my brother, David Mellinger, on his birthday today, given by Karen and Stan Baker.

There are 12 red poinsettias which will be available after the 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service, if you would like one.

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

Stan and Karen Baker are sponsoring our One Call Now this week.

## **Stewardship Moment**

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. *Isaiah 9:6*

## **Attendance from Last Sunday**

Sunday School 34 Worship ~ 10 AM 101

## **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. 22 Judy Jones, Joe Bell, Cole Craddoc, Elizabeth Snider  
Anniv: Josh & Tessa Compton

**Congratulations! ~ 61 yrs. Tom & Karen Armstrong;**

Dec. 23 Anniv: Drew & Kimberly Yackey

Dec. 24 Terry Corder, Beth Rondinella, Fran Gerbig; Anniv: Todd & Beverly Handrich

Dec. 25 Joyce Stingel

Dec. 27 Clara Mae Craddoc

Dec. 28 Anniv: Dan & Pam Smith

## The Dover Moravian Messenger

Sunday	10:00 AM	Worship & Children's Pageant ó Sanct.
Monday	9:00 AM 9:00 AM	Staff Meeting ó Church Office Counting ó Living Room
Tuesday	9:00 AM 4:30 PM 5:30 & 8:00 PM	Deliver Poinsettias Chancel Choir ó Loft Christmas Eve Services ó Sanct.

Wednesday **Christmas Day** ó Church Office Closed



Saturday	4-6:00 PM 6:00 PM	Caroling Pizza & Hot Cocoa ó Kit. & S. Hall
Sunday	9:00 AM 10:00 AM	All Ages Sunday School ó Social Hall Worship ó Sanctuary Soup Orders Taken ó Lobby
Monday	9:00 AM	Counting ó Living Room

**The deadline for 2024 giving is Monday, December 30, at 9:00 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](mailto:juliewill1411@gmail.com).

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

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

## Our Worship Opportunities



*Fourth Sunday of Advent*



**Dec. 22 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent – Worship ~ 10 a.m.**

**Dec. 24 ~ Christmas Eve Services ~ 5:30 & 8:00 p.m.**



Each worshipper will receive a beeswax candle with a red frill.

**Dec. 29 ~ Lessons & Carols ~ 10:00 a.m.**

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



*Worship with Us...Sundays at 10:00 A.M.*

*Bring your family and friends!*

## Our Music Opportunities

### Christmas Caroling

The CEC is changing things up this year!

We will go **Christmas Caroling** during the **“Twelve Days of Christmas,”** in the time between Christmas Day and Epiphany. Join us for an afternoon of caroling followed by pizza and hot chocolate at the church. All ages and singing abilities welcome!

**Saturday, December 28**

- 🎵 **4:00 PM:** Gather in the Social Hall
- 🎵 **4:15 PM:** Set out to spread Christmas cheer
- 🎵 **6:00 PM:** Return to the Social Hall for Dinner



## Our Christian Education Opportunities



### All Ages Sunday School

Church members and friends of all ages are invited to celebrate the “**Twelve Days of Christmas**” together on **December 29**. Join us in the Social Hall at **9:00 a.m.!**

### 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*

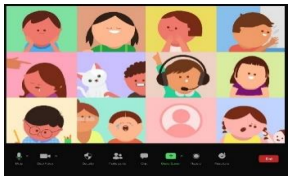


### Zoom Bible Study

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.

## 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: December 29, 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!

### T- County Moravian Missions for 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 need to know by this meeting if you are in or out for either trip.

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

## Christmas Gift-Giving Ideas



Get your shopping done early by purchasing  
**Moravian Advent & Christmas Stars...**  
Great Gifts throughout the Year!

The white plastic electric **Advent stars** are available in two sizes (**21-inch ~ \$30; and 12-inch ~ \$25**) in the church office. **The 12-inch star is designed to be used as a tree topper or hanging star.** These stars make great gifts year-round: birthdays, weddings, showers, etc. Complete instructions for assembly are included.

## 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](mailto: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.

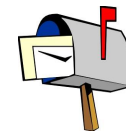
### VISION 2025:

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, and email addresses.**
- 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](http://doverfirstmoravianchurch.org) and select what you would like to read. Information on the website is in color, so be sure to check it out!

## A Note of Thanks!

### **Dover First Moravian Church,**

We would like to thank all of you for your kindness, compassion, love and cards during our respective surgeries in 2024.

Judy has recovered well from her hand and shoulder surgeries. I have healed well from my heart catheterization surgery in May.

May the Lord continue to richly bless you.

Al & Judy Bergmann

