

January-February, 2025

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**2024 Congregational Watchword:**  
*I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name. Psalm 63:4*

**Our Mission Statement:**

- L - Lead all people to Jesus Christ.*
- O - Obey God's Commands.*
- V - Value and nurture spiritual growth.*
- E - Encourage Christian service.*

**Our Motto:**

- In Essentials: Unity;*
- In Non-Essentials: Liberty;*
- In All Things: Love.*

*Jesus makes my heart rejoice.  
I'm His sheep and know His voice.  
He's a shepherd, kind and gracious;  
And His pastures are delicious.  
Constant love to me He shows;  
Yea, my very name He knows.*

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**A New Beginning**

by Lee Elliott

Only yesterday we were making resolutions for 2024, and now, somehow, it is time to start again. Don't we usually make about the same vows every year? Lose weight, exercise more, keep in touch with friends and family etc. Here's a new one: "I will choose to sit at the front of the church."



It would be interesting to hear the reasons so many people consistently sit as far back as possible. Is it because they are shy? Don't feel comfortable if someone catches their eye? Want to get out as soon as the service is over in order to avoid all the cars racing to leave? Can't wait to go to breakfast?

I don't know who is in those seats because I am in the loft, but what I see when I look down is that the entire front of the church contains mostly empty seats. For those facing the congregation, it also looks like the church is empty. It's not as enjoyable to talk to empty seats, not as fulfilling as thinking one might actually be sharing thoughts and prayers with others.

Sound doesn't carry beneath the balcony. Those in the back are missing much of the richness of the vocal music, the beauty of the talented instrumentalists. How about trying a new beginning this year... up front.

The Bible probably doesn't say anything about sitting closer to the chancel, but it does have a lot to say about new beginnings. Isaiah says, "Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it?" In Corinthians we find, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here." Ephesians says, "Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes," and James cautions, us, "Perseverance is the path to a new start because a new beginning often requires patience." And finally, a new beginning can start right where you are: Corinthians says, "A new beginning awaits anyone who is willing and wanting to make Jesus Christ the Lord of their life."

Since Covid, it has become much easier to sit at home and watch our church service on YouTube. It is a nice option for those who truly can't make it to church, but for others, it is easy to forget the warm and satisfying feeling of sitting with friends and relatives, all gathered for the same purpose: to worship together through word, deed and music.

Hopefully, our resolutions this year will be carefully considered. Hopefully we will set forth our desires to be faithful, helpful, kind and loving, and we will all start the year looking forward to new beginnings.



# *The First Moravian Church of Dover, Ohio*

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December 16, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Dover First Moravian,

As we've entered this joyous Advent season, awaiting both spiritually and anxiously for the celebration of the birth of our Savior, we continue to pray for our congregation during the call process for a new pastor. The Eastern District Executive Board (EDEB) continues to meet, working diligently to fill the several pastoral openings in the district. While the Joint Board is in continuous contact with the EDEB, they have not been able to provide us with any potential candidates at this time.

While this work continues, we are pleased to announce that the Joint Board has entered into an agreement with the Rev. Dennis (Denny) Rohn, to provide part time pastoral services during the call process. We are fortunate to have Denny within our congregation, already being familiar with us. Denny has been assisting us during the past three months on an informal basis, so this formalizes his role. Once a pastor has been called and agreed to serve us, the agreement with Denny will end. Denny has agreed to be responsible for, but not limited to:

Leading worship at Sunday services for 2-3 Sundays per month, depending on the number of Sundays

Communion to homebound and nursing home resident members

Officiating at funerals, baptisms and weddings

Hospital visits

Pastoral counseling

Church office hours for approximately two days per week

Thank you for the support of the Joint Board and congregation during this time of uncertainty. Thanks to Denny for his willingness to work alongside us, as well as leading us. We ask that you continue to pray, support, and volunteer during this time, as we continue to do the work that our Savior Jesus Christ taught us to do.

Yours in Christ,

The Joint Board

Julie Williams, Jt. Bd. Chairperson  
Elizabeth Snider, Elder Vice-Chair  
Brian Cronebach  
Pamela Duncan  
Scott Minor  
Jennifer Peveto

Steve Rondinella  
Leslie Seats  
John Stubbins  
Bev Antonelli  
Seth Corder  
Brenda Crilow

Karol Jones  
Gary Martin  
Greg Miller  
Dan Yeager  
April Yoder

## Epiphany Holy Communion

Sunday, January 5, 2025

Start the new year out by partaking in **Epiphany Holy Communion** on the **first Sunday in January** at our **10:00 a.m. worship service**. The Rev. Dennis G. Rohn will be serving communion along with Elder Elizabeth Snider. Bring your family and friends.

Tradition says that it was on Epiphany, January 6, that the Wise Men came to Bethlehem, following the star which led them to Him “who is born King of the Jews.” [*Customs & Practices of the Moravian Church*]

Make a commitment this year to come back to church. We would love to see you in person on Sunday, and each Sunday thereafter at 10:00 a.m. For those who are homebound and would like to receive communion, please call the church office, 330-364-8831, and your name will be placed on the schedule.

## Congregation Annual Meeting

The annual **Church Council** meeting is slated for **January 26**, after the 10:00 A.M. worship service. We will be looking at the reports, answering questions, electing leadership for the Joint Board positions, Representatives, and approving our 2025 budget.

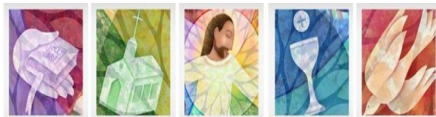


Our annual meeting is a time to learn, communicate and understand more about the life and ministry of our congregation. We look forward to having you attend and participate in this helpful and valuable time together.

### **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



### *Faith Formation*

“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did.” (*James 2:14, 21-22*)

**Spirituality and Service.** This is the Christian Education Committee’s 2025 focus.

#### **Spirituality.**

*The way God works in us.*

Our worship, our prayer, our connection with God the Creator, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

#### **Service.**

*The way we work in our community.*

Our work, specifically our work to benefit others instead of ourselves, and especially our work to benefit others who cannot repay us.

Both are important to our lives as Christ followers. And both are important to experience in community. Together, we encourage each other in our faith and receive God’s love. Together, we reach out and share that love with others.

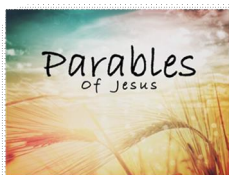
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Here at Dover First we have plenty of opportunities for both, and a CEC that wants to help you find the right balance. A balance of spirituality and service that makes your faith complete. Share your ideas with us and watch for new opportunities in the new year!

In faith, love, and hope,  
Carolyn

## Tuesday Morning Zoom



We will begin 2025 with a study on Psalms and Parables. Join Carolyn Menapace **every Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m.** in **January and February**.

Each week we will look at a different Psalm or Parable. What do these ancient songs and timeless tales have to teach us today?

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

Contact Carolyn for help getting set up on Zoom, or for a practice Zoom session so you can get comfortable with the technology.

## The Chosen

Who's ready for season three? Thursday evenings **January 9 through February 27**, we will watch an episode of The Chosen each week. Join us in the **first-floor living room** from **6:00-7:30 p.m.** to watch an episode and read the scripture that inspired it. All ages are welcome!

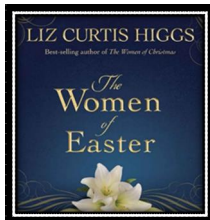
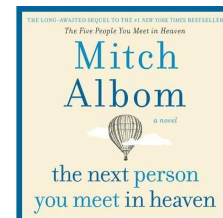
All episodes are free to watch online if you miss a week or would like to enjoy them at home: <https://watch.thechosen.tv>



## Breakfast Book Club

**January: *The Next Person You Meet in Heaven* (Mitch Albom)**

**Saturday, January 18, at 8:00 a.m. at Missions Café.** *"All endings are also beginnings. And heaven is always thinking about us."* Mitch Albom is a favorite author of this group. All are welcome to join us for another of his ponderings on life and heaven and everything in between.



**February: *The Women of Easter* (Liz Curtis Higgs)**

**Saturday, February 15, at 8:00 a.m. at Missions Café.** During the Lenten season we will spend time with Mary of Bethany, Mary of Nazareth, and Mary Magdalene. *"This season of grace, deepen your faith in a God who so loved the world that he gave us his son."* **In February we will look at chapters 1-3.**



## 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!



## Prayer Heart Lovefeast



On **Sunday, February 2**, we will celebrate a **“Prayer Heart” Lovefeast**.

Our youth will be serving a lovefeast during worship and you will be invited to take a “Prayer Heart” with the name of a young member of the congregation. Keep this heart and pray for them all month long.

Your “Prayer Heart” will come with a note, stamped and addressed to this young person, ready for you to send a hello, a blessing, a word of encouragement – something from your heart to theirs.

## Game Night & Chili Cookoff

Come show off your chili-cooking skills during an evening of food, fellowship, and fun! Bring a crock pot with your best recipe and everyone can taste and vote for their favorite.

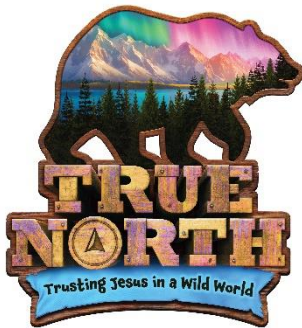
Don't care for chili? Bring another dish to share! CEC will add grilled cheese sandwiches. Drinks and dishes provided.

**Invite your friends and family to join us for this special Valentine-themed Game Night.**



***Saturday, February 15, at 5:00 pm in the Social Hall.***

## Vacation Bible School



Mark your 2025 calendar with these important VBS dates:

February 16: Decoration construction after worship

March 16: Decoration construction after worship

April 6: Decoration construction after worship

**June 9-13: “True North” Vacation Bible School 2025!**

## Mark Your Calendar

A few dates to remember in 2025:

**Spring Rally: April 4-6**

**Vacation Bible School – “True North”: June 9-13 ~ 9:00-Noon**

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

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

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





**BOARD OF  
WORLD MISSION**  
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## **Mission Minute: Moravian Youth Convo 2025**

Convo is a tradition that youth and young adults in the Moravian Church have enjoyed since 1957. Held every two years, Convo traditionally rotates between a gathering here in North America for high schoolers and a gathering elsewhere in the Moravian Unity for young adults. Beginning with the 2025 Convo for high schoolers, the Board of World Mission is honored to be taking on the role of planning and implementing these gatherings on behalf of the Moravian Church in North America. Please save the date for the 2025 Youth Convo and spread the word to any high school-aged Moravians. Registration and more information will soon be available at [MoravianMission.org/Convo](http://MoravianMission.org/Convo).

### **2025 Youth Convo**

**When: July 2-7, 2025**

**Where: Florida International University in Miami**

**Who: Moravians who will complete grades 9-12 in the spring/summer of 2025**

**Theme: MIA (Mission in Action)**

Come and see how the Moravian Church has been a church with an active mission. Find out where the Church might be MIA or missing in action today. Discover how we, individually and together, can put God's Mission into Action today.



## ***Our Mission, Outreach, and Fellowship***

### **Puzzle Library in the Lobby**

Colder weather and longer hours inside means...**more time for puzzles!!**

Stop by the church's Puzzle Library (located in the lobby, to the left of the Social Hall doors) and pick out your next puzzle.

If you live in the New Philadelphia or Dover area and would like one dropped off to you because you are home bound, sick, or the weather is just too wintry for you, call Susan Paden at 330-364-7101.



### **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.



**Sugar Cake Baking ~ Tuesday in February, March & April**

**February 18, March 18, April 15**

**Price \$7.00 each**

Place an order by calling **Susan Paden, 330-364-7101**. Free delivery is available with the purchase of four (4) or more cakes, if ordered prior to Tuesday's baking.

**Soup and Sandwich Luncheons: No luncheons will be held in January or February.** The Spring Luncheons will be held Friday, March 7, and April 4, 2025.

**SOUP'S ON!**



On **Sunday, January 12**, following the morning worship service, you will once again have the opportunity to **pick up your pre-ordered quarts of homemade soup** prepared by the Moravian Women. Soup choices are **cheesy broccoli, vegetable beef, chicken noodle, and stuffed pepper.**

**Preorders will be taken 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!

With the monies raised from the above projects, the **Moravian Women** are able to continue their mission of reaching out to others at home and around the world. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to another wonderful year of serving the Lord together in ministry.

**Save the Date**



**Sole Purpose Pancake Breakfast**

**8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, March 1, 2025**

**Cost: \$5.00**



**Menu includes: pancakes, sausage, beverages**

You will have the option of carry-out or eat in the social hall.

Additional information will be in the Sunday bulletins.

If you have any questions, please contact Julie Pfeiffer, 330-340-6494.

Thank you in advance for your support!



## The Replacements

Friday, February 14

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 P.M.



This “small group” ministry will gather on Valentine’s Day for its annual 2025 budget meeting at **Mary Zifers**. We will have the call to order and a prayer. Then we will look at the menu and, after an appropriate amount of time, we will order good food, tell wonderful stories, and laugh together. Come and join us with squeaky limbs, replaced knees, titanium shoulders and we will give you merriment and mercy – and oh yes - a slice of pie.

The Replacement Mission Statement

Give me your achy joints – your tired muscles – your bent limbs

We will commiserate together.

## Thank you’s / this & that

### Thank You Notes!

#### A Note of Thanks!



**The Reeves Bell Choir wishes to thank the Tango and Gatti Company** for the loan of their trailer for the Advent Vespers service at St. Joseph's Church. It was a blessing.

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



*Many Thanks to the  
Moravian Door Dash Girls*



**A Sincere Thank You** to the ladies who prepared the delicious meals; and to any guys who helped deliver the meals last year to our more mature members and friends. May your kind thoughtfulness be returned to you.

*Members and Friends of Dover First Moravian*



## Shout Out ~ Thank You’s

*These shout outs are just a few of the people who keep the church running smoothly.*

### Special thanks...

...to our **Sheep Dogs** for keeping the building and outside areas safe for everyone throughout the year.

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- ...to **Michael Russell** for ringing the bell each Sunday morning to call members and friends to our worship service.
- ...to **Jud Compton** our Advertising Specialist for posting messages on the big white sign and the corner sign in all kinds of weather. Thanks, Jud, for a great job!
- ...to **Lee Elliott** our Journalist for writing the lead articles in our bi-monthly newsletter recently. Lee does a fine job. She also writes for *the Bargain Hunter*.
- ...to the **Chancel Choir** for sharing their musical talent each Sunday morning. They spend hours practicing so every note is just right.
- ...to the **Reeves Bell Choir** for sharing their musical talent. They also spend many hours rehearsing, especially during the Advent season.
- ...to **Parker Boughner and Stacy Stubbins** for live streaming the worship services. If anyone is interested, we are looking for a few more volunteers so we could divide up the months.
- ...to **Shirley Thompson** our new Greeter Coordinator after three years of searching for a replacement. Thank you, Shirley for taking on this task. Our thanks to all the **Greeters**, too!
- ...to the **Joint Board** for their diligent work the past four months.
- ...to the **Christian Education Committee** for all the programs and events they have created for all ages.
- ...to **those who lead small group studies or teach Sunday School**.
- ...to the **Men's Fellowship** for their good work with the Ecumenical Men's Breakfast each month and for helping with the Sole Purpose Breakfast each year.
- ...to **Tom Armstrong** for organizing the Ecumenical Men's Breakfast and for making out the rotation schedule each year where they will meet for breakfast.
- ...to the **Moravian Women** for their mission work with their monthly luncheons and sugar cake baking.
- ...to the **Moravian Door Dash Girls** for their kind thoughtfulness preparing and delivering meals to our more mature members and friends. Thanks also to any guys that helped in delivering meals.
- ...to **those who made food deliveries** from the Friday luncheons; and to those who deliver sugar cakes.
- ...to the **Sacristans** for preparing the sanctuary each week for worship.
- ...to the **Scripture Readers, Liturgists, and Advent Candle Lighters** for helping with worship.
- ...to the **Dieners** for serving the lovefeasts throughout the year and for distributing the candles on Christmas Eve.
- ...to **Larry Kutcher** for checking our AED machine each month making sure things are up-to-date and in working order.
- ...to **Courtney Wallace** for taking photos and putting together the slide show on the Lobby screen.
- ...to **Dave Trustdorf** for taking Confirmation photos and other photos throughout the year.

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...to our **Landscapers** for keeping the church grounds looking so manicured throughout the year.

...to **Sue Ellen Hoffman and Susan Corder** our proofreaders throughout the year. Proofreading is not an easy task, but they get the job done.

...to **Marcia Harding** for doing the **Social Hall bulletin boards, *Gobble Up God's Word, Fall in Love with Jesus, and Jesus Is the Reason for the Season.*** Our members and friends enjoy seeing these seasonal bulletin boards. Thank you so much, Marcia, for sharing your talent.

...to **Jill Craddoc** for **reading the Daily Text each day** for on the **One Call Now messages.** Members appreciate the messages every day.

...to **Larry & Becky Kutcher** for assembling the Moravian Stars we sell throughout the year.

...to **Julie Pfeiffer** and the **Sole Purpose Team** for the good work they do providing shoe vouchers for school children in need of a new pair of shoes and for raising funds for the shoe vouchers through their yearly Sole Purpose Breakfast, and to all those who support the Sole Purpose Team with monetary donations.

...to the **Prayer Shawl Ministry** for providing handmade knitted or crocheted Prayer Shawls to those with special occasions or those in need. The shawls are beautiful and really warm.

...to **those who volunteered to pray** on Thursday, December 19, by signing up for a 15-minute or 30-minute prayer segment for the **2024 Unity Prayer Watch.** Moravian congregations around the world take part in this annual Prayer Watch. Each day of the year is covered by one or more congregations throughout the Unity. We shared our assigned day with Fry's Valley, Gnadenhutten, Uhrichville, and Church of the Redeemer. Prayer volunteers included:

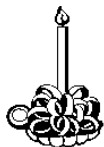


**Bev Antonelli, Tom & Karen Armstrong, Marla Cappell, Linda Hayman, Melanie Espenschied, Jud & Dawna Compton, Dan Yeager, Steve & Beth Rondinella, Seth Corder, Dave & April Yoder, Karol Jones, Greg & Janie Miller, Susan Paden, Jean Richardson, Cheryl Stephens, Julie Williams, Lin Sidel, Brenda Crilow, John & Stacy Stubbins, Lorrigan Booth, Linda Bayer, Elizabeth Snider, Shirley Thompson and Karen Baker.** Special thanks to those who signed up for more than one 15-minute prayer segment. May God bless each of you.

...to **everyone who helped with the Hanging of the Greens.** *Many hands truly made light work* when it came to decorating the church for Christmas this year! Thank you to everyone who helped: **Dan & Marcia Harding, Carol Staley, Bethanie Moser, Jerica & Mark Shuss, April & Dave Yoder, Becky & Larry Kutcher, Susan & Terry Corder, Sam Paden, Melanie Espenschied, Jane Newland, Janet Zimmerman, Chevelle Swartz, Becky Mastin, Dawna & Jud Compton, Jean & Don Richardson, Michael Russell, Sandy & Gary Martin.**



...to **all the folks who helped decorate Christmas Candles** on Monday, December 9, 2024, for Christmas Eve. With your diligent work and the candles left over from last year, we now have 720+ beautifully dressed beeswax candles for our Christmas Eve services. A sincere "Thank You" to all the folks who helped: **Jane Newland, Sharyn Dusenberry, Chevelle Swartz, Dave Goddard, Sr.; Adelia Hobart, Brenda Gordon, Dawna Compton, April Yoder, Scott Jones, Karol Jones, Susan Paden, Terry Corder, and Susan Corder.**



...to our **Nursery Volunteers**...Each Sunday our little ones are cared for in the Nursery by volunteers during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. We thank them for sharing their talent with our future leaders of the congregation. Those volunteering during 2024 include: **Bev Antonelli, Josh & Tessa Compton, Jud & Dawna Compton, Jennifer Corder, Brian & Mel Cronebach, Jessi & Josh Garvin,**

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**Brenda Gordon, Karol Jones, Becky Mastin, Scott & Sharyn Minor, Bethanie Moser, Susan & Sam Paden, Erin & Justin Perkowski, Beth & Steve Rondinella, Dylan & Leslie Seats, Cheryl Stephens, John & Stacy Stubbins, and Cheryl Wallace.**

...to the **Church Staff** for all the little extras they do throughout the year to keep things running smoothly. There are times they go above and beyond to get the job completed.

These are just a few of our many volunteers. **We appreciate all our church volunteers and thank them** for being willing to help throughout the year. Your time commitment is deeply appreciated. Thank you so much!



### **Wedding...**

**Congratulations to Jake Armstrong and Mia Swanegan** who were married at Columbia Woodlands on Saturday, November 2, 2024, by the Rev. Dennis G. Rohn.

### *Our Deepest Sympathy*

Our sympathy and prayers are extended...



...to the **Jerry Warner family**. Jerry passed away on November 28. Private services were held with burial in Dover Burial Park on Thursday, December 5. The Rev. Dennis G. Rohn officiated.

...to the **Mary Prince family**. Mary passed away on Saturday, November 16, at Park Village Health Care Center in Dover. Cremation has taken place and there are no services planned at this time. Memorials may be made to the Tusc. County Humane Society.

#### **Contact Information for The Rev. Dennis G. Rohn:**

**Email: [drohn1945@gmail.com](mailto:drohn1945@gmail.com)**

**Cell Phone: 610-216-7467**

#### ***New Addresses***

Friendly Reminder: Please keep the church office informed of new addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses.



A reminder if you misplace your Sunday bulletin or bi-monthly newsletter, just go to the church website [Doverfirstmoravianchurch.org](http://Doverfirstmoravianchurch.org)  
There is a link on the Home page, just select what you would like to read.



## Christmas Word Search

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*Find these words in this word search:*

jolly	carol	cheer	sleigh	stocking
Santa	Rudolph	merry	gift	elves
family	reindeer	cookies	ornament	snow



**Part-time Pastor: The Rev. Dennis G. Rohn**

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**Cell Phone: 610-216-7467**

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**Here is a complete list of Joint Board Members (Elders & Trustees)**

**Elders ~ Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.**

**By-Laws of the First Moravian Church of Dover:** The duties of the Elders include overseeing the spiritual care and oversight of the congregation and its membership. Elders strive to secure faithful compliance with the enactments of the Unity, Provincial and District Synods, with "The Moravian Covenant for Christian Living," the section on discipline in the Book of Order, and the established rules of the congregation. The members of the Board of Elders decide all applications for admission to membership and decide all cases of dismissal.

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|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Jennifer Peveto              | 2022-2024 ~ 1st term | 330.243.1493 |
| Leslie Seats, Secretary      | 2022-2024 ~ 1st term | 937.479.4028 |
| Elizabeth Snider, Vice-chair | 2022-2024 ~ 1st term | 330.802.0822 |
| Brian Cronebach              | 2020-2025 ~ 2nd term | 330.340.5549 |
| Pamela Duncan, CEC Rep.      | 2023-2025 ~ 1st term | 330.340.7476 |
| John Stubbins                | 2023-2025 ~ 1st term | 330.987.0144 |
| Scott Minor                  | 2024-2026 ~ 1st term | 330.432.7036 |
| Steve Rondinella             | 2021-2026 ~ 2nd term | 330.827.4513 |

**Trustees ~ Meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.**

**The duties of the Board of Trustees** include overseeing the planning, development and maintenance of church properties. The trustees plan the budget of annual expenses associated with supporting the work of the congregation. The trustees review the monthly expenses against the budget and insure payment of the pastor's salary, staff salaries, and provincial obligations. Requests for funds and purchases from the staff, congregational ministries, and external groups are reviewed. Reports from the Treasurer and Financial Secretary are monitored monthly to gage progress towards meeting all obligations.

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Seth Corder                      | 2022-2024 ~ 1st term    | 330.204.4820 |
| Julie Williams, Pres., Fis. Off. | 2019-2024 ~ 2nd term    | 330.933.9707 |
| April Yoder, V-President         | 2019-2024 ~ 2nd term    | 330.401.2873 |
| Karol Jones, Sec. & CEC Rep.     | 2020-2025 ~ 2nd term    | 330.343.8236 |
| Gary Martin                      | 11/2023-2025 ~ 1st term | 330.204.1926 |
| Greg Miller                      | 2023-2025 ~ 1st term    | 330.340.3861 |
| Bev Antonelli                    | 2024-2026 ~ 1st term    | 330.340.2522 |
| Brenda Crilow                    | 7/2023-2026 ~ 2nd term  | 330.243.6682 |
| Dan Yeager                       | 2021-2026 ~ 2nd term    | 330.364.6951 |

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**Financial Secretary**

**Church Treasurer**

Julie Williams, Trustee Fis. Off.	330.933.9707	Barbara Gennert, Treasurer	330.364.8831
Jenny Shoup, Cooper Accounting	330.440.7434		

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**Church Office & One Call Now:**

330-364-8831

**Worship Services:**

Year-round ~ 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday School:**

Sept.-May ~ 9:00 a.m.

**Part-time Pastor:**

The Rev. Dennis G. Rohn

Cell phone: 610-216-7467

**Administrative Assistant:**

Karen Baker

**Director of Music:**

G. Randall Gibbs

**Director of Faith Formation:**

Carolyn Menapace

**Custodian:**

Sam Paden

**Church Office:** 330-364-8831

**Web-Site:** [www.doverfirstmoravianchurch.org](http://www.doverfirstmoravianchurch.org)



*Coming Up:*



**January 5 ~ Epiphany Holy Communion**

**January 26 ~ Church Council**

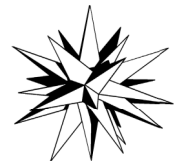
*Save the Date*

**Saturday, March 1 ~ Sole Purpose Pancake Breakfast**

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Additional information is in this newsletter...

...more details will be in future Sunday bulletins.



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