

# First Moravian Church

319 N. Walnut Street, Dover, Ohio 44622

January 5, 2025

10:00 A.M.

<b>Part-time Pastor</b>	Denny Rohn (610-216-7467 cell)
<b>Greeters</b>	Blair & Jodi Hillyer
<b>Nursery</b>	Brian & Melanie Cronebach
<b>Welcome/Liturgist/Prayers</b>	Elizabeth Snider, Elder V-Chair
<b>Elder Serving</b>	Elizabeth Snider
<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
<b>Web Site</b>	<a href="http://www.doverfirstmoravianchurch.org">www.doverfirstmoravianchurch.org</a>

## 2025 Congregational Watchword

**We do not proclaim ourselves;  
we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord.**  
2 Corinthians 4:5

### Chimes

**Watchword for the Week: (In Unison)** *The Moravian Daily Texts*  
**God has made known to us the mystery of his will,  
according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ.**  
Ephesians 1:9

### Welcome and Announcements

*Prefude* "Judean Pastorale" Ashdown

**Call to Worship: "In a Manger He Is Sleeping"** Polish Carol  
Chancel Choir

**\* Liturgy for Epiphany** Page 65

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

**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.

### Children's Moment

The Rev. Dennis Rohn

**Hymn "Eternal Source, Whence All Did Spring" H. 279**

### Holy Scriptures

**Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14 Page 204**  
**Gospel Lesson: John 1:1-18 Page 94**

**Meditation:** The Rev. Dennis Rohn

**Service of Holy Communion in Celebration of Christ's Coming**  
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### \* Silent Meditation

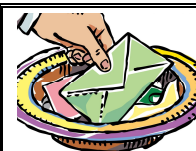
*Anthem* "An Old Indian Carol" arranged  
Chancel Choir

### 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 **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.

**Elder Connection:** Elizabeth Snider, 330.802.0822, is available after the service or call during the week if you have a joy, a concern, need prayer, or have a question.

**Flowers**

The flowers are in memory of my husband, J. Marc Cappell, given by Marla Cappell and family.

**Flowers** are needed for the following Sundays:



**March 2, 23 & 30.** If you would like to provide flowers for one of these Sundays, please contact Karen in the church office.



*Volunteers Needed*

**Monday, January 13 – Christmas Decorations** will be taken down, except decorations in the Sanctuary Windows, from **10 AM to Noon**. If you can help, please come.

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

Greg and Janie Miller are sponsoring our One Call Now this week.

**One Call Now Sponsors** are needed for **Mar. 23 & 30, and Palm Sunday, April 13 & Easter, April 20.** If you desire to sponsor a week (**\$15**), please contact Karen in the church office, 330-364-8831. Thank you.

**Stewardship Moment**

They saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. *Matthew 2:11*

**Attendance from Last Sunday**

Sunday School 19    Worship ~ 10 AM 67

**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**

Jan. 5	Dennis Duncan, Shawn McCarthy
Jan. 6	Becky Mastin
Jan. 8	John Levensgood, Kennedy Hale, Julie Burrell
Jan. 10	Pam Smith
Jan. 11	Cynthia Seaman

## The Dover Moravian Messenger

Sunday 10:00 AM Worship & Holy Communion ó Sanctuary  
Soup Orders Taken in Lobby



### Prayer Shawl Ministry

This small group will meet **today, 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 today in the church living room. If you have any questions, please see Edie Santee, Susan Paden, or Pamela Schmitzer.

### T- County 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. **Dates: April 4-12 & June 13-22, 2025.** Lodging for both teams will be at Laurel Ridge Camp & 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 meeting today is at 1:00 p.m. in the First Moravian Church of Dover, Social Hall Corner.** We will start the planning process. We would like commitments for both trips at this meeting today with the **\$75 commitment for each trip.** This will allow us to start our fundraising efforts now.

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) or come to the meeting.

Monday	9:00 AM	Staff Meeting ó church Office
	9:00 AM	Counting ó Living Room
	6:00 PM	Moravian Women Adv. Bd. Mtg. ó Rm. 215
	6:00 PM	Trustees Meeting ó S. Hall
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Zoom Bible Study
	6:00 PM	Elders Meeting ó Room 215
Wednesday	10:30 AM	Praying in Color @ Shirley Thompson
	6:00 PM	Men's Bible Study ó Living Room
	6:30 PM	Chancel Choir ó Choir Loft
	7:00 PM	Bible Study ó The Armor of God ó Rm. 215
Thursday	6-7:30 PM	The Chosen ó Living Room
Friday	8-8:00 PM	Soup Preparation ó Kitchen & S. Hall
Saturday	8-Noon	Soup Preparation ó Kitchen & S. Hall
Sunday	8:00 AM	Sunrise Sunday School ó Room 215
	9:00 AM	Sunday School ó C.S. Rooms
	10:00 AM	Worship ó Sanctuary
		Pick Up Soup Orders in Lobby

## Our Worship Opportunities



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



**Jan. 5 ~ Meditation & Epiphany**  
**Holy Communion ~ The Rev. Dennis Rohn**

**Jan. 12 ~ The Rev. Dennis Rohn** will bring the message.

**Jan. 19 ~ Worship: Steve Mastin** will bring the message.

**Jan. 26 ~ Worship: Sue Henriksen** will bring the message,  
followed by a light lunch and **Church Council** in the  
Social Hall.

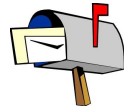
### VISION 2025:

The **annual Church Council** for all communicant members of First Moravian Church of Dover will be held after the 10 A.M. Worship service on **Sunday, January 26.**

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 additions to your family, 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!

## Our Mission and Outreach Opportunities

### *Men's Community Fellowship Breakfast*



**Saturday, January 18**

**from 9-11 AM**



**St. Joseph Catholic Church**

**613 N. Tuscarawas 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!

**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 today. 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!

## Our Christian Education Opportunities

### Zoom Bible Study

Join us this 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.

## The Chosen

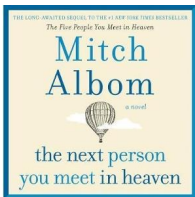
**Thursday evenings January 9 through February 27** we will watch an episode of The Chosen: season 3 each week.

**Join us in the first floor living room from 6-7:30 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



Join us **Saturday, January 18, at 8 a.m.** at Missions Café as we discuss “The Next Person You Meet in Heaven” by Mitch Albom.

## 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 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**