

Flowers

The vases of flowers are in memory of loved ones, given by Allen and Jane Gasser, Marla, Jessica, and Zachary Mog, and Dana, Ross, Christian, and Noah Randazzo.

One Call Now ~ 330-364-8831

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

One Call Now Sponsors are needed for the following weeks: **Jan. 19; Feb. 2 & 16; and Mar. 2, 9, 23 & 30.** If you desire to sponsor one week or more, please call Karen Baker in the church office, 330-364-8831. **Cost: \$15 per week.**

Stewardship Moment

To be joyful is to find happiness in the simple pleasures of life.
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Attendance from Last Sunday

Sunday School 35 Worship ~ 10 AM 114

Prayers for the People

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.

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. 8	Richard Rainsberger; Anniv: Rob & Maria DeHoff
Dec. 9	Jacque Graef, Samantha France
Dec. 10	Libby Deetz, Phyllis Miller; Anniv: Terry & Julie Burrell
Dec. 11	Ryan Armstrong, Allen Gasser
Dec. 12	Drew Yackey, John Stubbins, Jr.
Dec. 14	Parker Boughner; Anniv: Steve & Jen Brown

\$ Financial Giving \$

As we approach another year end, the Trustees would like to remind the congregation of some tips around financial giving.

We are blessed to be able to support so many missions and projects in the life of our congregation and beyond. Some of these require separate bank accounts and reporting. Any support for **Sole Purpose, Memorial Fund, Music Memorial Fund, Helping Hand and Minister's Aid Society** should be given in a separate check if at all possible. Checks can be made out to "First Moravian Church" with the fund noted in the Memo line of the check. This allows more streamlined processing for the Trustees and Cooper Accounting.

If you would like to contribute to the **special projects** of church flooring replacement and updates to the parsonage, the Trustees appreciate any assistance you can provide. We hope to be able to "repay" some of the distributions that were drawn from our Investments in the Moravian Ministries Foundation of America (MMFA).

The Trustees would also like to remind you of the opportunities for electronic giving. This not only ensures stability for the church finances, but it reduces costs and time required in preparing financial records. We partner with Vanco for a safe and reliable service for electronic church giving.

Thank you for your continued support at Dover First!

The Board of Trustees

2025 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE to pick up. 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, a form is available in the church office. 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 9:00 AM on Monday, December 30, to be counted toward your 2024 contributions.



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When members are hospitalized or need a special visit, please contact Karen Baker in the church office, **330-364-8831**. Karen will contact the Elders. The Elder assigned for the day will contact the Backup person or another Elder if they are not available.

The Dover Moravian Messenger

Sunday 2:00 PM Christmas Lovefeast @ Sch. Village



Advent Vespers
A Service of Lessons and Carols



A service of **Lessons and Carols** will be held **Today**, in the sanctuary of **St. Joseph's Church**, Dover, Ohio.

The service begins at **5:30 p.m.** with a **Prelude** by the **Reeves Handbell Choir and Brass Carols** followed by the **6:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols.**

Participating in this event will be church and high school choirs from the area.

Please join us for a season of worship.

Monday	9:00 AM	Staff Meeting ó Church Office
Buckeye Adult Classes: W – GED 9-N; T & Th – ESOL 9-N & 6-8:30		
	9:00 AM	Counting ó Living Room
	11:00 AM	Action Now ó Kit. & Social Hall
	6-9:00 PM	Dress Candles ó Social Hall
	7:00 PM	CEC Meeting ó Living Room
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Zoom Bible Study
	6-9:00 PM	Dress Candles (if needed) ó Social Hall
Wednesday	10:30 AM	Praying in Color ó Church Living Room
	6-7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study ó Living Room
	6:30 PM	Chancel Choir ó Choir Loft
Thursday	4:00 PM	Set-Up for Christmas Party ó Kit. & S. Hall
	5-5:30 PM	Caterer Arrives
	6:00 PM	Women's Christmas Party ó Kit. & S. Hall
Friday	11:30-1:00 PM	The Replacements @ Buehler's Mill Rest. D.
	4:30-8:00 PM	Horizon's Christmas Party ó Social Hall & Kit.
Sunday	8:00 AM	Sunrise Sunday School ó Room 215
	9:00 AM	Sunday School ó C. S. Rooms
	9:00 AM	Chancel Choir ó Choir Loft
	10:00 AM	Worship ó Sanctuary
	11:30-12:30 PM	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal ó Bsmt/S. H/ Sanct.

Special Thanks...to **Marcia Harding** for creating the **Social Hall bulletin boards, Jesus Is the Reason for the Season.** Our members and friends enjoy seeing these seasonal bulletin boards. Thank you so much, Marcia.

Our Worship Opportunities

Second Sunday of Advent



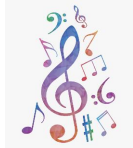
Dec. 8 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

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



Dec. 15 ~ Third Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. Worship

Dec. 22 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. Worship & Children's Christmas Pageant

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Dec. 24 ~ Christmas Eve Services

5:30 & 8:00 p.m.

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



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Dec. 29 ~ Worship ~ 10:00 a.m.

Jan. 5 ~ Worship & Holy Communion ~ 10:00 a.m.

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



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.

Our Mission and Outreach Opportunities

Trimming of Candles

At our Christmas Eve services, each worshipper will receive a lighted beeswax candle with a red frill. Many volunteers are needed to place the frills on the **500+ candles.** We have scheduled one time for the **Trimming of Candles.** If you have never helped, plan to come and learn how to trim the candles on **Monday evening, December 9, from 6-9** (or if need be, we will finish on Tuesday evening, Dec. 10) in the social hall. **Mark your calendars, everyone is invited to help,** come, and bring a friend!



Moravian Women Christmas Party



All Moravian Women are invited to the Christmas Party on Thursday, Dec. 12, at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.

We look forward to an enjoyable lovely evening of food, fellowship, and festivity in celebration of our Lord Jesus' birth. **Sign-up sheets are in the lobby**, so please let us know if you will attend.

Calling All Sugar Cakers!!



Tues. & Thurs., Dec. 17 & 19

Price \$7.00 each

We are blessed with an abundance of orders in December, so we will be adding an extra day of baking.

If you are available to help on any of those days, please contact Lorrigan Booth at 330.340.4702. We truly appreciate everyone who gives of their time and energy, making this not only a successful fundraiser for the Moravian Women, but a joyful outreach to our community! **Please place an order by calling Susan Paden, 330-364-7101.**



24-Hour Unity Prayer Watch Thursday, December 19



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 date for this year will be **Thursday, December 19**, which has been designated as Dover First's Day of Prayer. We will share these duties with our sisters and brothers in the Moravian walk from Fry's Valley, Gnadenhutten, Uhrichsville, and Church of the Redeemer in Columbus.

Our time slots remaining for Dover First are as follows:

2-3 AM; 7-8 AM; 11-1 PM; 5-6 PM; 10 PM-12-Midnight.

These are really good time slots for the most part, so we should be able to fill all of them quite easily. **Sign-up sheets are 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.



Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Saturday, December 21, from 9-11 AM
First Moravian Church of Dover ~ Social Hall

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!



Tuscarawas County Council for Church & Community (T-4-C) is collecting items for the Elderly until December 11, at their office.

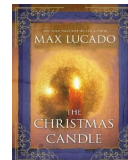
(1458 Fifth Street NW, New Philadelphia, Ohio)

We would like to make their Christmas a little brighter. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Here is the list of items we are collecting: **Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Laundry Soap, Dish Soap, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Stamps, Envelopes, Greeting Cards, Stationary, Puzzle Books, Socks, Gloves, Slippers, and Lotion.**

Thank You in advance for helping this great cause.

Leslie A. Booth, T4C Executive Director
330-343-6012 Office; 330-691-0292 Cell

Our Christian Education Opportunities



Breakfast Book Club: Join us **Saturday, Dec. 21, at Missions Café at 8:00 a.m.** as we discuss Max Lucado's book, "The Christmas Candle." This story of a Victorian English village contains a timeless message that will warm your heart this season.