

First Moravian Church

319 N. Walnut Street, Dover, Ohio 44622

November 24, 2024

10:00 A.M.

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| Greeters | Marla Cappell & Janet Zimmerman |
| Nursery | Jud & Dawna Compton |
| Welcome | Elizabeth Snider, Elder V-Chair |
| Liturgist | Pam Duncan |
| Scripture Reader | April Yoder |
| Director of Music | G. Randall Gibbs |
| Director of Faith Formation | Carolyn Menapace |
| Custodian | Sam Paden |
| Administrative Assistant | Karen Baker Office: 330-364-8831 |
| Web Site | www.doverfirstmoravianchurch.org |

Call to Worship: Chimes

Watchword for the Week: In Unison *The Moravian Daily Texts*

**“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” said the Lord God,
who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.**

Revelation 1:8

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude **“Prelude in G Major”** **J. S. Bach**

*** Hymn** **“The God of Abraham Praise”** **H. 468**

Prayer Meditation

Anthem **“Come, Bless the Lord”** **Lau**
Chancel Choir

Prayers of the People

Hymn **“The Lord’s Prayer”** **H. 828**

Scripture Lessons: **Psalm 93** **Page 607**
John 18:33-37 **Page 117**

Hymn **“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”** **H. 723, vs 1**
During the singing, children are invited up for the Children’s Moment.

Children’s Moment
Carolyn Menapace

Anthem **“We Gather Together”** **Vandall**
Rebecca Kutcher, G. R. Gibbs

*** Hymn** **“We Gather Together”** **See Page 3**

The Message: **“Making Ripples...”**
Seth Angel

*** Liturgy ~ Reign of Christ**

*** Benediction and**

Response: *In the name of Jesus, Amen.*

Postlude

** 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 Seth Angel, from Fry’s Valley Moravian Church, for bringing the message today. Seth currently represents the Ohio Region on the Eastern District Executive Board.

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

Elder: Brian Cronebach, 330.340.5549, is available after the service or call during the week if you have a joy, a concern, need prayer, or have a question.



Decorating the Church for the Christmas Season

If you would like to help decorate the church for the Christmas Season, we will decorate **Today**, from **Noon-5:00 p.m.** Extra hands would be appreciated.

There will be a **light lunch served at 11:15 a.m.** followed by decorating the church. Parents with small children are encouraged to bring your children for the **Advent Workshop** which runs until **2:00 p.m.** Children may attend the workshop, while the parents help to decorate the church.



We Gather Together

Folksong of the Netherlands
Arr. by E. Kremser

Tr. by Theodore Baker

1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing,
2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
3. We all do ex - tol Thee, Thou Lead - er in bat - tle,

He chas - tens and has - tens His will to make known;
Or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing His king - dom de - vine;
And pray that Thou still our De - fend - er wilt be.

The wick - ed op - press - ing cease them from dis - tress - ing,
So from the be - gin - ning the flight we were win - ning,
Let Thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to His name, He for - gets not His own.
Thou, Lord, wast at our side, the glo - ry be Thine!
Thy name be ev - er praised. O Lord make us free! A - men.

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Flowers

The flowers are in memory of family and friends,
given by Steve and Beth Rondinella.

One Call Now ~ 330-364-8831

Gene and Lin Sidel 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

The future of our fragile, beautiful planet home is in our hands.
As God's family, we are stewards of God's creation. We can be wantonly irresponsible, or we can be caring and compassionate.

Desmond Tutu, Anglican Bishop and theologian

Attendance from Last Sunday

Sunday School 39 Worship ~ 10 AM 119

Prayers for the People

Our sympathy and prayers are extended 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.

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

Birthday and Anniversary Daily Prayer Support

Nov. 24 Anna Kimble, Linda Edwards, Sharyn Minor
Anniv: Gene & Lin Sidel ~ **52 years - Congratulations!**
Nov. 26 Madison Hisrich
Nov. 28 Adelia Hobart, Jon P. Stingel, Jacob Corder,
Emily Burrell; Anniv: Joe & Bev Antonelli
Nov. 29 Cade Miller
Nov. 30 Julia Geissinger

DEADLINE: Jan/Feb Newsletter articles are due in the church office by **9:00 AM on Monday, December 2, 2024.**

The Dover Moravian Messenger

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| Sunday | 11:15 AM | Lunch ó Kitchen & Social Hall |
| | Noon-2:00 PM | Advent Workshop ó Social Hall |
| | Noon-5:00 PM | Decorate the Church for Christmas |
| Monday | 9:00 AM | Staff Meeting ó Church Office |
| | 9:00 AM | Counting ó Living Room |
| Tuesday | 10:00 AM | Zoom Bible Study |
| | 5:30 PM | Chancel Choir Men ó Choir Loft |
| | 6:30 PM | Chancel Choir Women ó Choir Loft |
| Wednesday | | Church Office Closed |
| | 10:30 AM | <u>NO</u> Praying in Color |
| | 6:00 PM | Men's Bible Study ó Living Room |
| Thursday | | Happy Thanksgiving ~ Count Your Many Blessings! |
| Friday | | Church Office Closed |
| Sunday | 8:00 AM | Sunrise Sunday School ó Room 215 |
| | 9:00 AM | Sunday School ó C.S. Rooms |
| | 10:00 AM | Worship & Advent Lovefeast – Sanctuary |
| | 1:00 PM | Prayer Shawl Ministry ó Living Room |
| | 6:00 PM | Advent Communion @ Sharon Mor. Ch. |

Joint Board Chair: Julie Williams

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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.

\$ 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

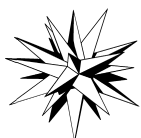
Our Worship Opportunities



Worship with Us Each Sunday at 10:00 A.M.

Nov. 24 ~ Guest Speaker: Seth Angel, from Fry's Valley Moravian Church will bring the message.

Next Sunday - First Sunday of Advent



Advent Begins

The Rev. Dennis G. Rohn will bring the messages during the month of December.

Dec. 1 ~ Worship & Advent Lovefeast ~ 10 A.M.



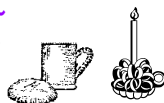
6:00 p.m. Advent Communion service @ Sharon

Moravian Church. This is our gathering of six Moravian Churches in the Valley coming together for worship and communion. What a real blessing. Don't miss this opportunity. Let's have a great turnout for this event as we praise the Lord and enhance your Advent walk, you will be enriched in the spirit.

Dec. 8 ~ Worship – Second Sunday of Advent ~ 10 A.M.

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.



Bring your family and friends!

Northern Province Racial Justice Team
New Way of Being Advent Series 2024

The Doctrine of Discovery: *What It Is and Why It Matters*

An Advent Study Toward Racial Justice and Healing

Moravian Church Northern Province ~ Racial Justice Team
New Way of Being Advent Series 2024

The Doctrine of Discovery: What It Is and Why It Matters
December 4, 11, and 18 ~ 7:30-8:30 pm ET

The Moravian Church Northern Province Racial Justice Team is pleased to present its *New Way of Being Advent Series* for 2024. This year's theme is, "The Doctrine of Discovery: What It Is and Why It Matters." There will be three one-hour sessions on December 4, 11, and 18 at 7:30 pm ET. All sessions will be on Zoom. We will welcome a guest presenter each week. The session on December 4 will include a short film on the Doctrine of Discovery from the Episcopal Church's Sacred Ground curriculum. Also included in the sessions will be prayer, scripture readings, and time for reflection. The series is open to all. Participants are encouraged to read the 2023 MCNP Synod legislation entitled, "Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery and Terra Nullius and Initial Steps Towards Reconciliation and Healing of the Church's Relationships with Indigenous Peoples." The Zoom access for all three sessions is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83789192982?pwd=Jw3uYBKL8lot4QUK6XVZlqdB4lpsMO.1>

Meeting ID 837 8919 2982, Passcode 718545

An accompanying four-week Bible Study and Advent devotional are available. For complete speaker bios, the 2023 MCNP Synod Legislation, Bible Study and Devotional, visit: <https://www.moravian.org/northern/2024/11/13/newwayofbeing2024/>

December 4, *The Doctrine of Discovery – What It is and Why It Matters*

Guest presenter: **The Rev Canon Debbie Royals, Pascua Yaqui**
Canon for Native American Ministry, Episcopal Diocese of Arizona
Short Film, *The Episcopal Church Exposes the Doctrine of Discovery*

December 11, *The Doctrine of Discovery – Why It Matters*

Guest presenter: **The Rev Dr Winelle Kirton Roberts**, native of Barbados, Caribbean missiologist and Church historian, researcher and author; secondment Pastor of Geneva Moravian Fellowship, Geneva, Switzerland

December 18, *The Doctrine of Discovery – Why It Matters*

Guest Presenter: **Mrs. Erica Rios**, Member of the Board and youth leader of the Morongo Moravian Church, Banning, California

For questions about the Advent series, please contact suekoenig@mcnp.org.

Our Music Opportunities



Advent Vespers



A Service of Lessons and Carols

The annual **Advent Vespers** will be presented at **St. Joseph's Catholic Church of Dover, Ohio**, on **Sunday, December 8**. A **prelude of music at 5:30 p.m.** will be performed by the **Reeves Bell Choir and a brass choir**. The service, beginning at **6 p.m.**, will include local church choirs, school choirs from St. Joseph's School, Legacy Christian School and other local musicians. Please accept this invitation to join us for a beautiful evening of **Lessons and Carols**.

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!

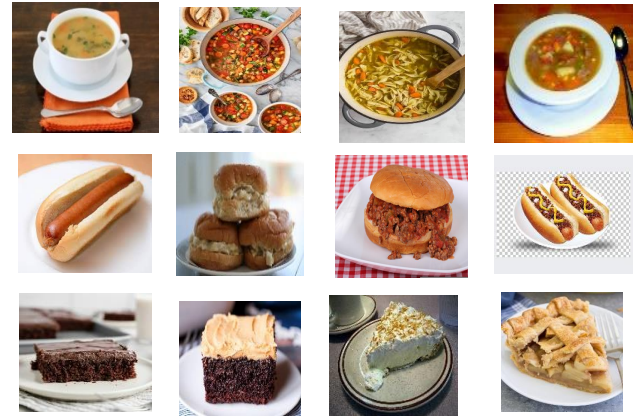
Saturday, December 28

- ♫ **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 Mission and Outreach Opportunities

Community Soup & Sandwich Luncheon



Dine-in or Carry-out available



Delivery is available to businesses with a minimum order of \$25.

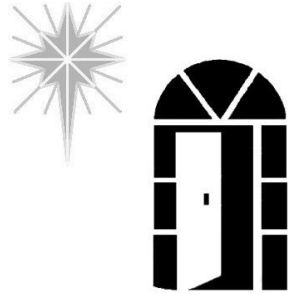


Friday, December 6, from 11:00-1:00 p.m.

in the **Social Hall**

The luncheons have become a very special form of outreach from our congregation to folks throughout the county. Every person who walks through our doors and smells broccoli cheese soup cooking in the kitchen or unwraps a warm creamed chicken sandwich and enjoys a piece of homemade peanut butter pie is touched by your generosity and the Christian love that went in to preparing that food.

Proceeds from our luncheon will help the Moravian Women contribute to missionary efforts at home and around the world. We appreciate all your support in making our luncheon a success. If you can help work, please contact **Marcia Harding, 330-343-2104**, or **Julie Williams, 330-933-9707**. Plan to attend and bring your friends! We hope to see you on the 6th.



There was no room at the inn...

Since 1987, MORAVIAN OPEN DOOR (MOD) has provided a temporary home for homeless adults in Manhattan, NYC.

This ministry provides safe and affordable transitional housing for 40 homeless adults, currently 52 to 91 years old. MOD provides a healthful breakfast and supportive social services to rebuild our residents' lives. MOD helps them to obtain jobs and benefits, with the goal of finding permanent affordable housing and learning the life skills to maintain it.

Residents at Moravian Open Door pay a small monthly fee for their room and services (often much of their limited income); this covers only about 50% of the operating costs for the facility and its full-time staff of three.

Moravian Open Door *receives no government funds.* Donations from individuals, congregations, and other private sources must cover the rest of operating expenses.

Your gift this Advent season can help the vital ministry of MOD, the only transitional housing ministry of the Northern Province of the Moravian Church.

Please consider a generous financial gift to MOD.

Moravian Open Door
347 E. 18th Street, New York, N.Y. 10003
www.moravianhouse.org

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.



Sugar Cake Baking



Tuesday & Thursday, December 17 & 19
Price \$7.00 each

Free delivery is available with the purchase of four (4) or more cakes, if ordered prior to Tuesday's baking.

Place an order by calling Susan Paden, 330-364-7101, and to offer your help with mixing and baking, call Shirley Thompson, 330-343-3972.



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 24 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, Gnadenhütten, Uhrichsville, and Church of the Redeemer in Columbus.

Our time slots 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.

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 or Sam Paden at 330-987-1769 psampaden@roadrunner.com for more information, or come to the next meeting.

Christmas Gift-Giving Ideas



**Advent begins Dec. 1...
Christmas is just around the corner...**

**Get your shopping done early by purchasing
Moravian Advent & Christmas Stars...**

Great Gifts throughout the Year!

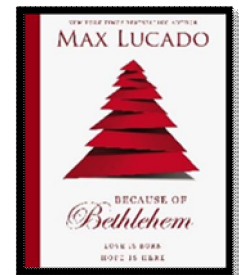
The white plastic electric **Advent stars** are available in two sizes (**21-inch ~ \$30; and 12-inch ~ \$25**) in the church office. **The 12-inch star is designed to be used as a tree topper or hanging star.** These stars make great gifts year-round: birthdays, weddings, showers, etc. Complete instructions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

Our Christian Education Opportunities

Advent Opportunities

We have several Advent study and fellowship opportunities this season. We hope that one of them will fit your schedule and feed your faith as we prepare to welcome the Christ child.

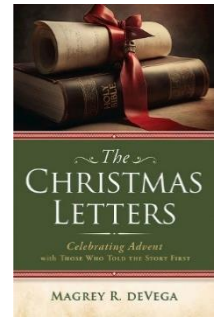
Sunrise Sunday School: Carolyn Menapace will lead "Because of Bethlehem" by Max Lucado **Nov. 24 and Dec. 1, 8, and 15, at 8:00 a.m. in the second floor living room.** We'll unpack the enduring promises of Christmas and discover a lifetime of hope because of one baby born in Bethlehem.



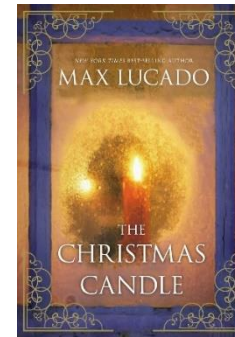
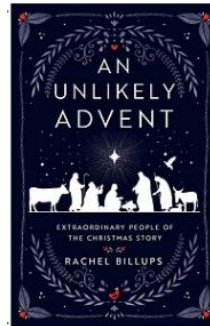


Seeds of Faith: Pastor Denny Rohn will lead an Advent study based on the lectionary scriptures for the season. Join him **Dec. 1, 8, 15 and 22, at 9:00 a.m. in the second floor living room.**

The Christmas Letters: Leslie Seats will lead this 4-week study on **Wednesdays, Dec. 4 and Dec. 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the second floor living room.** Come hear about the miracle of Christ's birth from those who first told the story. These holy, ancient words will help us understand the meaning of Christ's coming like never before.



Tuesday Zoom: Carolyn Menapace will lead "An Unlikely Advent" on **Tuesdays, Nov. 26 and Dec. 3, 10 and 17, at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom.** We will hear the stories of Elizabeth and Zechariah, Herod, the Magi, and the shepherds. Each set of unexpected characters has something to teach about living faithfully on the journey to Christmas.



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.

Praying in Color (Please note the meeting location): Carolyn Menapace will lead "Because of Bethlehem" by Max Lucado on **Wednesdays, Dec. 4, 11 and 18, at 10:30 a.m. in the first floor living room.** This special Advent study includes optional coloring. *New members or visitors just for this 4-week study are welcome!*

