

# First Moravian Church

319 N. Walnut Street, Dover, Ohio 44622

October 11, 2020

9:30 A.M.

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**Prelude** "Sonata No. 3" *Scarlatti*  
Movement I, II  
Mary Cooper, Cello

## Welcome and the "Good News" of the Church Family

### \* Liturgy ~ Christian Unity

Courtney Wallace, Cantor  : Music Cantered

(Standing)

Leader: Almighty God, you are the one who called this universe into being. Out of nothing you created everything that is.

**Cong: By your power you hold together all space and time and substance.**

L: By your hand alone, Creator God, the inanimate elements became alive so that we could live and move and have our being.

**C: We celebrate life, the precious life you have given us, and we celebrate that unity of mind and emotions, of body and soul, that you want us to enjoy and share with each other.**

L: We rejoice in the centrality of Jesus Christ in all your works, for he was with you from the very beginning, and is supreme over all creation.

**C: We praise you that Christ is before all things, and that in him all things hold together, especially our very fragile, vulnerable, and often broken lives.**



(Sitting)

L: We know that we will remain less than the whole persons

you have called us to be in Christ Jesus until we acknowledge our sins to you, and so we bow before you and pray:

**C: Almighty God, we confess that we have tried to run away and hide from you. We constantly deceive ourselves into thinking that we can live without you. We have made idols of our own achievements. We have treated other persons as though they did not bear your image. We have failed to enfold and include all persons within the outstretched and open arms of Jesus Christ, our Savior. And we have left undone those deeds of lovingkindness and godly justice that you want us to pursue in your name. Bring your Spirit upon us in a gracious, healing way. Make us agents of reconciliation as we live within your holy presence. Amen.**



L: We thank you, gracious God, for establishing the church as a single body of interdependent members, each having a place and purpose.

**C: We know that we need each other and are called to appreciate the great variety of gifts you have given us to use.**

L: Help us to rejoice with those who are feeling joy and delight.

**C: Help us to sing with those who are singing your love and praise.**

L: Help us to taste the agony of those who are hurting.

**C: Help us to share the burden of those who are in distress.**

L: Take away jealousy and resentment from our hearts when we see others achieving success.

**C: Fill us with the spirit of unity in Christ that lets us see and feel and know that we all belong to you through the grace we have received.**

L: Teach us to know and love the world-wide church called out of all peoples and nations. Make visible the unity that you desire as we express a spirit of reconciliation in all our relationships. Show us that we are part of the one and only body of Jesus Christ, unified by faith, scattered for witness

and service. Lead us to appreciate the richness of our diversity and your creative power at work in our various traditions and customs. Make us all one with you by the inspiration and guidance of your Spirit.

**C: Lead us into lives worthy of our calling in Christ, with all lowliness, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another in love, and eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. We pray for this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**



L: Let us pause in silence and wait upon God.

**C: “The peace of God be with you.”**

L: Let us hear the watchword for the day and reflect upon it.  
Let us lift our hands in a prayer of praise.

**Watchword for the Week: In Unison *The Moravian Daily Texts***  
**O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things.**

Isaiah 25:1



**Prayers for the Community**

**Receiving New Members into the Life of the Church:  
Transfer of Membership ~ Roger and Mary Spies**

**Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 40:3-5  
Matthew 22:1-14**

**Children’s Moment**

*(Children Preschool to 5<sup>th</sup> grade dismissed to “Children’s Church”.)*

**Solo** “Jesus, Still Lead On”  
*Mary Cooper, Cello*

**The Epilogue: “O, So Many Detours!”**

**Prayer**

**Solo** “It Is Well with My Soul” *arr. Roberts*  
*Mary Cooper, Cello*

**Closing Blessing**

**Postlude and Gradual Dismissal**

**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.

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

**Need to change a diaper?** The **Changing Station** is located in the Social Hall. The Nursery room is unavailable.



**Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.**

**Preschool - Ages 3-5**

**Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Our new Children's Church format began last Sunday.**

**Bring your children and grandchildren and come join us!**

**Flowers**

The flowers are in memory of Willard and Helen Hostetler and Jack Neiger, given by Sue, Jack, Winifred, Jeffrey, Heather, Kitrina, Josh, Brittany, Liliana, Jan, Lisa, and Luke Neiger.

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

Sheila and Bonnie Auman are sponsoring our One Call Now this week.

**One Call Now Sponsors are needed for November 29 and December 13 & 27.** This ministry helps us stay connected to the congregational needs, church events, and the informational flow for our church family. Your **\$10 gift** helps us all stay connected to our wonderful church family. **Please call the church office to sponsor a week.** Thank you in advance for your support.  
**If you have a prayer concern** for yourself or a friend and would like it placed on the One Call Now system, please contact the church office. Thank you.

**Worship Attendance Report**

Sunday 9:30 a.m. ~ 56    Wednesday 6:30 p.m. ~ 10

**Stewardship Moment**  
 Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops;  
*Proverbs 3:9*

**Prayers for the People**

**Amberwood Manor:** Laura Colvin; **Country Club Retmt. Center:** Larry Colvin; **Hennis Care** (Bolivar): Glo Jones; **Hennis Care** (Dover): Dawn Miller; **New Dawn:** Mary Lou Lahmers; **Park Village:** Earl Johnson.

**Birthday and Anniversary Daily Prayer Support**

- Oct. 11    Sue Stephens
- Oct. 12    Del Ashkettle
- Oct. 13    Jim Dusenberry, Lainey Begue
- Oct. 15    Bob Brewer
- Oct. 16    Carol Schaar, Sam Krantz, Jennifer Wilson  
             Anniv: Michael & Kristin Becker
- Oct. 17    Brooke McGlumphy

***The Dover Moravian Messenger***


Sunday	9:30 AM  6-8:00 PM	Worship & Children's Church @ Sanctuary Online worship is available each week. MELT Youth Group @ Gnad. Mor. Church
Monday	9-Noon <u>M&amp;W</u> 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 7-8:00 PM	Buckeye ASPIRE Classes @ Basement Staff Meeting @ PJ's Office Counting @ Living Room Confirmation Class via ZOOM
Tuesday	9-Noon <u>T&amp;Th</u> 6-8:30 PM <u>T&amp;Th</u>	Buckeye ESOL Classes @ Basement Buckeye ESOL Classes @ Basement
Wednesday	6:30 PM	@Creating Sunday's Worship @ Sanct.
Thursday		

**Cub Scouts Meeting**  
**Join Scouts Night** (for all Dover Packs)  
**Thursday, October 15 @ 7:00 p.m.**  
**First United Methodist Church lawn**  
 Cub Scouts is open to boys and girls K-5th grade.  
 Trish Thompson, Pack 86, Dover, OH    [pack86dover@gmail.com](mailto:pack86dover@gmail.com)

Saturday	9:30-12:30 PM	Confirmation Class @ Deis Hill Pavilion #2 @ Bring your Lunch @ Rain or Shine We will learn much!
Sunday	9:30 AM  11:45 AM	Worship & Children's Church @ Sanctuary Online worship is available each week. Moravian Minister's Aid Society Annual Meeting @ Sanctuary

**A Message of Thanks!**

**To My Church Family,**  
 Thank you so much for the cards and memorials for our dear Mother. Especially to Pastor John for all the visits and notes to her over the years and for the beautiful memorial service – it was her. She is greatly missed.  
 God Bless all,  
 The Family of Loretta Grove  
 Phyllis, Diane, Sandy, Donnie & Sonnie  
 and all the grandchildren



## Our Worship Opportunities



*Family Worship Each Sunday*  
at 9:30 a.m.

**Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. ~ “Creating Sunday’s Worship”  
or Worship Online each week**

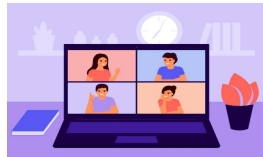
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**Oct. 18 ~ Worship & Children’s Church**  
Message: “Paying Taxes”

**Oct. 25 ~ Worship & Children’s Church**  
Message: “A Sunday of HOPE”

## Our Mission & Outreach Opportunities

Our **Confirmation Class** continues via **Zoom classes** on **Mondays, from 7-8:00 p.m.** Letters were mailed with the October-December schedule for those in **Grades 7-9.**

If you did not receive a letter, please contact the church office.  
**Ninth graders will be confirmed on Sun., Nov. 1.**



## **Hill Toppers Prayer Group**

*by Pastor John B. Wallace*

A new pandemic program sponsored by the First Moravian Church of Dover, in cooperation with the six Moravian churches in the Valley

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**Monday ~ 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. + lunch**

**This will be our last meeting.**

**October 19 at Deis Hill Amphitheater**  
(Around an hour and a half together)



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We will gather with those who are interested in praying for the people of the flock, the community and the world.



After our prayer time concludes, stay for a **“pack your own” lunch** for this prayerful hillside encounter! Come and join me for Hill Toppers Prayer Group. Should the weather not cooperate, we will not gather because we would like the event to remain outdoors so that we can social distance.

**A mask should be worn for the event as well.**

## **Share-A-Christmas Applications accepted until Oct. 15.**

**Share-A-Christmas applications** are being accepted until October 15. We will not be able to accept any applications after that date. This year, we are only accepting apps from families with children ages birth to 19. If you have people older than 19 needing help, encourage them to contact Salvation Army and sign up for their program.

Our applications can be downloaded from our website, [www.t4conline.net](http://www.t4conline.net).

Thanks for helping us spread the word!

Louise Worsham, Director, T4C  
1458 Fifth Street NW, New Philadelphia, OH 44663  
330-343-6012

## *Sugar Cake Baking*



**Tuesday, October 20**

**Wednesday, October 21**



**Price: \$5.00 each**

Sugar Cakes are sold seven times a year by the Moravian Women to help continue their mission of making a difference in the lives of God's people here and abroad. **The Moravian Women Advisory Board is asking for your help in increasing our sales.** Talk to your neighbors, friends, relatives, and co-workers. This year free delivery will once again be available for orders of 4 cakes or more and the order is placed prior to Tuesday's baking. Place your order by calling **Susan Paden at 330-364-7101**, and to offer help with mixing and baking, contact **Shirley Thompson at 330-343-3972.**



by Hallie & Eric McGlumphy

**M.E.L.T. - Minds Enlightened Lives Transformed  
Grades 7-12**

**Junior/Senior High Youth Group**

Leaders: Hallie & Eric McGlumphy

**TONIGHT, October 11 ~ 6:00-8:00 P.M.**

Join MELT at **Gnadenhütten Moravian Church** for food and fun as we venture outdoors for a history walk!

\*\*\*Meal will be provided\*\*\*

If you are not on our GroupMe chat yet,  
text Hallie at 330-324-6255 or Eric at 330-323-0395  
to be added. See you at our meeting!

## **Clothing for Worship**

The Gospel lesson for today shares two parables of Jesus regarding weddings. The first has to do with invited guests not showing up and the host sending his servants to invite anyone they can find. The second parable has to do with inappropriate dress on the part of one guest. The first parable has been the subject of many sermons presented and understood without much difficulty. The second one, however, has been a troublesome passage for many.

It seems almost cruel and unjust to judge someone simply for how they are dressed. Is it really a big deal if the person wasn't dressed to expectations? These verses are about much more than clothing. William Barclay's commentary puts it this way: "The way in which a [person] comes to anything demonstrates the spirit in which [they] come." In other words, it isn't so much the outer appearance that is important but, rather, the inner attitude. The idea of not wearing an appropriate wedding garment would have shown a lack of respect for the host. This parable was Jesus' way of saying the guest was being impolite.

So what might this mean for us? How did you prepare to enter into God's presence for worship today? What level of expectancy did you bring, or did you come with expectations needing to be filled? Think in terms of what you bring to worship, rather than what you'll get out of it. The attitude you bring is the wedding garment you wear. If you bring an open heart and mind as you enter, God will touch you in some way through this time of worship. And when the service concludes, God doesn't stay in this space, but God's spirit dwells in you as you go.

*Dennis Rohn, retired pastor, New Philadelphia, Ohio*

## **The Moravian Church**

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 11, 2020

