

First Moravian Church

319 N. Walnut Street, Dover, Ohio 44622

November 15, 2020

9:30 A.M.

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Welcome and the “Good News” of the Church Family

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

So teach us, O God, to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Psalm 90:12

Prelude **Psalm 42:1-2**

“As the Deer” *Nystrom-Carter*
Courtney Wallace, Soprano

Prayer

Scripture Passage: Matthew 3:13-17

*** Liturgy of Baptism ~ Adult Baptism of Joshua Garvin and Infant Baptism of Jaiden Neil Garvin**

Jaiden’s sponsor: Joe Compton
Diener: Dawna Compton

Joe Compton, Cantor  : *Music Cantered*

Pastor: In grace God called and chose the people of Israel and established with them a covenant: I will be your God and you will be my people. In that relationship they were to be freed from sin and become a blessing to all. Then God came to us in Jesus Christ and fulfilled that covenant for all people. Through Christ’s life, death, and resurrection, God made for us a new covenant of grace.

Cong: We come before you with joy, O God, to claim the promises of your covenant.

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ instituted baptism as the visible means of entry into the new covenant. Baptism is a gift of God. In this sacrament, through grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, we are united with Christ, are cleansed by his saving work, enter into the fellowship of the church, and are called to a life of faith and willing obedience.

Those of you baptized into Christ Jesus, how were you baptized?

C: Into his death. We were buried with him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead

through the glorious power of God Almighty, we too might be raised to live a new life.

P: In baptism children also share in the benefits of our Lord’s redeeming work through God’s grace and the faith of parents, and of the church,

C: For God’s promise is to us and to our children.

(The minister addresses the candidates, parents, and sponsor.)

P: As you present *yourselves* before God and this congregation, we call upon you to profess your faith.

Do you believe in God as your Creator and loving heavenly Father, in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord, and in the Holy Spirit as your Comforter and Sustainer, according to the Holy Scriptures?

Response: I do.

(Candidates, parents, and sponsor may profess their faith by means of the Apostles’ Creed, the baptismal profession of the early church. The congregation may be invited to join in the Creed as an affirmation of their own baptism.)

P: Lord, make us one with all your children as we profess our faith, saying:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy Christian church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

(The minister addresses the candidates, parents, and sponsor.)

P: Do you in this faith turn away from sin, evil, and selfishness in your thoughts, words, and actions; and do you intend to participate actively in Christ’s church, serving God all the days of your life?

Response: I do.

P: Relying on the power of the Holy Spirit, do you promise to lead **Jaiden** by prayer, instruction, and example toward that time when *he* can by grace confirm *his* faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and commit *himself* to the life and work of the church?

Response: I do.

(The minister addresses the congregation.)

P: Do you receive and affirm **Joshua and Jaiden**, *these children* of God, as *members* of this congregation, and accept your obligation to love and nurture *them* in Christ?

Cong: We do.

The Message: “The Sacred Waters of Baptism”

(Water may be poured into the font or bowl.)

Prayer:

We thank you, gracious God, for the gift of water, which you have created and given to us as a sign of life. We recall with gratitude how you led your people from slavery to freedom through the waters of the sea. We rejoice in the gift of the Holy Spirit at the baptism of your Son in the waters of the Jordan, and we praise you for opening to us the way of eternal life through his death and resurrection. Now send your Spirit upon **Joshua and Jaiden** who *receive* the water of baptism today, so that *they* may become living, growing and active *members* of your church, rise to new life, be led and nourished by your word and sacraments, and share in your eternal blessings.

Amen.

(When only adults are baptized, the following is omitted.)

P: Give to *these parents and sponsor* your wisdom and strength, that with love and understanding *they* may guide to Christian maturity **Jaiden’s** young *life* entrusted to *their* care.

Amen.



P: **Joshua Robert Garvin**, into the death of Jesus I baptize you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now through God’s grace and the pouring out of the Holy

Spirit, you have been brought into the covenant; therefore live, yet not you alone, but Christ live in you; and the life which you live now, live by faith in the Son of God, who loved you and gave his life for you.

(The minister pronounces a text of Scripture for the newly baptized adult.)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace;



P: **Jaiden Neil Garvin**, into the death of Jesus I baptize you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

(Each newly baptized person receives the laying on of hands, symbolizing the pouring out of the Holy Spirit. Parents and sponsors of young children join with the minister in the laying on of hands.)

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Children’s Moment

(Children Preschool to 5th grade dismissed to “Children’s Church”.)

The Message: “Sacred Waters of Baptism”

Special Music “Soliloquy for Bells” *Buckwalter*
Reeves Bell Choir

*** Celebration of Holy Communion**

Special Music “Peace Like a River” *arr. Young*
Reeves Bell Choir
Joseph Compton, Baritone

Closing Blessing and 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.

OOPS! ...OUR APOLOGIES for omitting some names from our **Veteran's** list last Sunday. **Jim Booth, Larry Sears, Pete Littleton, Todd Handrich, and Russ Korn.** We thank them for their service.

Perhaps you were not in church two years ago when this list was first created. If we missed anyone, please let the church office know so we can keep our list up-to-date. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we update our list.

Flowers

The flowers are in honor of all those who wear a smile in the face of adversity, given by the Minor Family.

One Call Now ~ 330-364-8831

Barbara Gennert is sponsoring our One Call Now this week.

Worship Attendance Report

Sunday 9:30 a.m. ~ 51 Wednesday 6:30 p.m. ~ 8

Prayers for the People

We extend our sympathy any prayers to **Don and Jean Richardson** on the death of their sister-in-law, Kathy Richardson. A family memorial service was held on Friday, November 13, in Columbus, Ohio.

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

Nov. 15 Kipp Macaulay
 Nov. 17 Mary Ann Angel, Matt Spies, Colt Crilow
 Nov. 18 Richard S. Holmes, Sandy Martin
 Nov. 19 Anniv: Pastor John & Cheryl Wallace
 Nov. 20 Sarah Kosmala, Joyce Brewer

The Dover Moravian Messenger

Sunday	9:30 AM	Worship & Children's Church ó Sanctuary
		Online worship is available each week.
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study ó Basement
Monday	8-8:00 PM	Sugar Cake Prep. ó Kit. & S. Hall
	9:00 AM	Staff Meeting ó Pastor's Office
	9-Noon <u>M&W</u>	Buckeye ASPIRE Classes ó Basement
	10:00 AM	Counting ó Living Room

7-8:00 PM Confirmation Class via Zoom

Tuesday	5-Noon <u>T&W</u>	Sugar Cake Baking ó Kit. & S. Hall
	9-Noon <u>T&Th</u>	Buckeye ESOL Classes ó Basement
	10-11:00 AM	Zoom Bible Study ó Online
	6-8:30 PM <u>T&Th</u>	Buckeye ESOL Classes ó Basement

Wednesday	6:30 PM	óCreating Sunday's Worship ó Sanct.
	6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study ó Room 215

Thursday 5-8:00 PM Confirmation Class Serve @ D/NP Food Pantry
POSTPONED due to the Covid-19 spike in the County.

Friday	Noon	Adult Bible Study ó Room 215
		Advent Lovefeast Deliveries

Sunday	9:30 AM	Worship & Children's Church ó Sanctuary
		Online worship is available each week.
	10:30 AM	Adult Bible Study ó Basement
	10:45 AM	Planning Meeting for Prophecy Promenade: A Walk through the Nativity Story
	Noon-5:00 PM	Decorate for Christmas ó Sanct. & Lobby

Mark Your Calendars...Coming Up!

Decorating the Church for the Christmas Season

by Susan Corder



If you would like to help decorate the church for the Christmas Season, please contact Susan Corder, 330-204-0931. We are scheduled to decorate on **Sunday, November 22**, from **Noon-5:00 p.m.** Extra hands would be appreciated.

Our Learning Opportunities

Online Bible Study Begins

on **Tuesday, November 17, from 10-11:00 a.m.**

Subject: Mixing Faith and Politics

Lessons: Jesus' encounters with the leadership of his day.

Pastor John will be the leader of this study.



If you want to be part of the class, **call the church office and register before Tuesday.** We will need your email so that you can receive your 'link' to the zoom room.

An Evening of Story, Music and Light



With so many restrictions and changes in our lives and in our Christian traditions, the church will be providing a special evening for the Advent Season. We call it:

"Prophesy Promenade: A Walk through the Nativity Story"

Sunday, December 6 Time: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Our parking lot will be filled with a lovely labyrinth of luminaries leading you to eight stops of reflection and love. As we walk the way of Mary, Joseph and Jesus, we will review the true meaning of Christmas. This maze of grace, tucked into the crispness of a winter's night, a variety of live and taped seasonal music will surround us as we embrace each stop along the way. At the end of the maze we will enjoy a warm cup of cocoa from our friends at the Missions Café.

Dress appropriately. Remain positive. We shall discover hope incarnate in Christ. *Pastor John*

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**



**Nov. 22 ~ Worship, Children's Church &
Collecting Our "Change Can Make a Difference"
for 'MOD' Moravian Open Door in New York
City, New York.**

Nov. 29 ~ Worship, Advent Communion & Children's Church

Our Mission & Outreach Opportunities



"Change Can Make a Difference"

Sunday, November 22, we will be collecting our
**"Change Can Make a Difference" offering for 'MOD'
Moravian Open Door in New York City, New York.**

Start saving your change and dollar bills!



**An Advent Season Gift for
Moravian Open Door**



Each Advent season we are reminded of the family long ago who were homeless, had no room at the inn, and not even a crib for their expected infant. Yet they were provided for. Moravian Open Door (MOD) is a Moravian ministry in New York City that provides a safe, clean, temporary home for homeless men and women. Currently we have 34 residents whose ages range from 53 to 91 years. While the facility (called Moravian House) provides accommodation in single and double rooms, the staff provides supportive services to rebuild lives and help residents move to affordable permanent housing.

During this pandemic of COVID-19, MOD mourned the loss of three of its residents to the virus, and some other residents and even the staff have been sickened by the disease and recovered. Keeping everyone safe with extra sanitizing of building areas, providing residents precautionary items such as masks and hand sanitizer, and providing extra food for residents who have lost income has put a great strain on MOD's budget.

MOD receives no government funding at all.

MOD needs the financial support of Moravian congregations, especially now with the extra costs of fighting the COVID-19 virus.

Please respond generously with your ~~No~~ Room at the Inn+gift to support this ministry.

Sugar Cake Baking



Tuesday, November 17
Wednesday, November 18



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.**

Share-A-Christmas 2020

by Lorrigan Booth



If you notice a Christmas tree in the church foyer way before Advent, the Moravian Women aren't trying to rush the season! We would like to help Share-A-Christmas provide toys to families in need. **Please take an ornament from the tree and purchase an appropriate new toy for the child indicated on that ornament – each designates the child's gender and age range.**

Gifts, which should be unwrapped, may be left under the tree anytime up to and including **Sunday, December 6, 2020**, so that the Moravian Women may deliver them to Share-A-Christmas. ***This year they will accept only new toys, no books except coloring books with crayons, and no clothing or food items, in order to keep families safe and healthy.***

If you have questions, please call Lorrigan Booth at 330.340.4702. Thank you for being a blessing to the children of our community!

24-Hour Unity Prayer Watch

This continues to be a year of incredible change. With that in mind, our Unity Prayer Watch event will lean heavily on our "sheltered in place" members. Each year we join the greater Moravian Church in prayer for this 24-hour day of continual intercession. I need your help and commitment. Some of you will receive a direct appeal from me to you for your prayerful spirit. I implore you for your help in this vital ministry to the greater church and world we live in. Take a half hour of your life and serve God on **Wednesday, December 16**, as we pray for the world in a whole lot of hurt.

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 **Wednesday, December 16**, 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, Gnadenhutzen, Uhrichsville, and Church of the Redeemer in Columbus.

Our time slots for Dover First are as follows: **2-3 AM; 5-6 AM; 9-11 AM; 1-2 PM; 3-4 PM; and 6-7 PM.** These are really good time slots for the most part, so we should be able to fill all of them quite easily. **Call the church office to sign up now.** I invite you to pick a time and spend some quality time away from all distractions and pray. Information sheets will be available soon. *Pastor John*

Our Fellowship Opportunities



Moravian Women Christmas Party

by Lorrigan Booth

Thursday, December 10, at 6:00 p.m.



The Christmas Party has been CANCELLED.