

First Moravian Church

319 N. Walnut Street, Dover, Ohio 44622

November 22, 2020

9:30 A.M.

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Prelude *Prelude on "St. Columbia" Lasky*
"The Lord's My Shepherd"

Welcome and the "Good News" of the Church Family

Watchword for the Week: In Unison *The Moravian Daily Texts*
God says, "I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak." Ezekiel 34:16

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."

Matthew 2:1-2

* Liturgy of Thanksgiving

Joe Compton, Cantor



: Music Cantered

(Standing)

Leader: Almighty and gracious God, you have made yourself known to us in a multitude of ways, and each of those ways invites us to respond to you with grateful hearts.

Cong: **You have been present with us even before our thoughts and words and feelings ever turned toward you.**

L: You created us in your own image, redeemed us with your love, and have always sustained us with your grace.

C: **When we think of you, gracious God, we think of your compassion and tender mercies toward us all, and we are humbled with gratitude.**



(Sitting)

L: We thank you, everpresent God, for coming to us in your Son, Jesus Christ, for entering into our human flesh and taking the form of a servant.

C: **We thank you for reaching the least of us while we were yet sinners and for doing all things necessary for our salvation through the sufferings, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.**

L: We praise and honor you with our hearts and our lives, because we know that we could not help ourselves or earn our own salvation.

C: **You continue to rush out to meet us and embrace us while we are yet far off. We marvel at the depth of your forgiving love which always comes to us through the working of your Spirit. We thank you for each new experience and each new reminder of your very constant care.**



L: You have not left us to live alone in this world, but have called us to be members of your body, the church. We thank you for all those in the past who shared their faith with us and for those in the present who help to shape our response to your love.

C: **We are grateful for the nurture we receive and the mission we have been given to manifest the good news of Jesus Christ to the world around us.**

L: You have not left us without written and living testimony to your involvement in human history. We thank you for the Holy Scriptures and the insights they provide for us in our mission and ministry.

C: **We are grateful for the words and stories of judgment and justice, comfort and renewal, salvation and peace that come to us from the Bible and from the ongoing inspiration of your Holy Spirit.**



L: For the creation itself and the nourishment we receive from its resources, for seedtime and harvest, sunshine and rain, oceans and forests, for the wondrous way in which we are woven into the environment,

C: **We give you thanks, Creator God.**

L: For all the creative things we are enabled to do through the gifts and talents you have given to us, for the good health within our bodies, minds, and spirits, for the courage and healing that you provide when we are broken and discouraged in the midst of Covid-19,

C: **We acknowledge with thanks your leadership in our journey.**

L: For the gift of time and the guidance you give for the redemptive use of our days, for the satisfaction and renewal that come from our labor and leisure, for directing us to do justice and to love mercy, for the chance to begin again whenever we falter and fail,

C: We are grateful, our Savior, whose faithfulness endures through all generations.



(Standing)

L: Hear now, gracious God, our words of contrition that we pray in the light of your manifold blessings:

C: We confess that we have failed to perceive your glory as it is revealed in creation. We have taken the gifts of this world for granted and have not stopped to marvel at what you have provided for us. Forgive us for rushing through life with reckless abandon. Forgive us for trampling upon other persons, places, and things, and for not understanding how dependent we are upon one another and the earth itself.

Help us, Creator God, to share the resources of this world as good and faithful stewards. Show us how to tend the land, water, and air and to prevent their pollution and destruction. Teach us the discipline of conserving and of replacing what we have used. Deliver us from exploitation. Keep us from idolizing money and material possessions. And make us compassionate in our concern for the needs of others. Amen.

L: God hears our prayers, blots out our transgressions, and creates a new and right spirit within us. Go in peace and joyful service.



Prayers for the Community

Special Music "Our Great Savior" arr. Berry

**Scripture Lessons: Psalm 133
Micah 5:1-5
Matthew 25:31-46**

Children's Moment

(Children Preschool to 5th grade dismissed to "Children's Church".)

Change Can Make a Difference – Blessing

Money will help support M.O.D. Moravian Open Door Ministry in N.Y.C.

The Message: "Of Presidents and Kings"

Special Music

"Praises"

arr. Brocker-Pearson

- Jesus Shall Reign
 - Ye Servants of God
 - Joyful, Joyful
- Donna Keller, Handbells

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 basket 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.

Flowers

The flowers are given by the Board of Trustees, in honor and thanks to the congregation for their continued support and generosity during these difficult and uncertain times of 2020.

One Call Now ~ 330-364-8831

Gene and Lin Sidel are sponsoring our One Call Now this week.

Worship Attendance Report

Sunday 9:30 a.m. ~ 70 Wednesday 6:30 p.m. ~ 6

Special Thanks to the church ladies

who prepared and delivered the Advent Lovefeast meals to our more mature members last Friday. Many hands helped to make this all happen.



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

Nov. 22 Zachary Hoop
Nov. 24 Sharyn Minor, Anna Kimble; Anniv: Gene & Lin Sidel
Nov. 26 Madison Hisrich; Anniv: Dave & Jane Schooff
Nov. 28 Adelia Hobart, Jon P. Stingel, Emily Burrell, Jacob Corder; Anniv: Joe & Bev Antonelli



Card Shower:

Dave and Jane Schooff will celebrate their **60th wedding anniversary** on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2020. If you would like to send them a card, here is their mailing address:

**720 Bayberry Circle
Dover, Ohio 44622**

The Dover Moravian Messenger

Sunday 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study ó Basement
10:45 AM Planning Meeting for Prophecy Promenade ó S. H.

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 **Today, November 22, from Noon-5:00 p.m.** Extra hands would be appreciated.

Monday All Day Organ Tuning
9:00 AM Staff Meeting ó Pastorø's Office
9-Noon Buckeye ASPIRE Classes ó Basement
10:00 AM Counting ó Living Room
7-8:00 PM Confirmation Class via Zoom

Tuesday 9-Noon T&Th Buckeye ESOL Classes ó Basement
6-8:30 PM T&Th Buckeye ESOL Classes ó Basement
10-11:00 AM Online Bible Study ó Zoom
7:00 PM OMMC Meeting ó Sch. Mor. Church

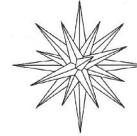
Wednesday **Church Office Closed**
6:30 PM øCreating Sundayø's Worshipø ó Sanct.
6:30 PM Menø's Bible Study ó Room 215

Thursday **Have a Safe and Blessed Thanksgiving!**
Friday **Church Office Closed**
Noon Adult Bible Study ó Room 215

Sunday 9:30 AM Worship, Holy Communion & Childrenø's Church ó Sanctuary
Online worship is available each week.

DEADLINE: 26-Points of Grace Moravian Star Point
10:30 AM Adult Bible Study ó Basement

Our Learning Opportunities



A Virtual Event

With so many restrictions and changes in our lives and in our Christian traditions, **the church will be providing a special for the Advent Season** which will be available on **YouTube**.

“Prophecy Promenade: A Walk through the Nativity Story”

Our evening of Story, Music and Light will start in our west parking lot, which will be filled with a lovely labyrinth of luminaries leading you to the former entrance of the church where six stops of reflection and love will unfold. As we walk the way of Mary, Joseph and Jesus, we will review the true meaning of Christmas. This virtual walk of grace, tucked into the crispness of a winter's night, with a variety of seasonal music, will enhance each stop along the way. Look for this virtual promenade going live on **YouTube** on **Sunday, December 13**.

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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**First Sunday of Advent**  
**Nov. 29 ~ Worship, Advent Communion & Children’s Church**

**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**Dec. 6 ~ 9:30 a.m. ~ Worship & Children’s Church**

## Christmas Candlelight Services ~ Tickets Required



**Wednesday, Dec. 23, at 6:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, Dec. 24, at 5:00 & 8:00 p.m.**

### **Christmas Candlelight Ticket Booth**

The in-person Christmas Candlelight booth will be set up in the social hall. Here you may make your reservation for the service of your choice and pick up your tickets on the spot. You also may call in your reservation to the church office and pick up your tickets at the church office **before December 20**. Christmas Candlelight tickets are available **beginning November 29**. *Pastor John*

## **Our Mission & Outreach Opportunities**



### **26-Points of Grace Moravian Star Point**

**DEADLINE** to place your order is **next Sunday, Nov. 29**.

No poinsettias this year – our alternative is called 26-Points of Grace. Moravian Stars will decorate the sanctuary this year at Christmastime. If you would like to **sponsor a star point** for a minimum of **\$5.00, in memory or in honor of a family member or friend**, please fill out an order form and return it along with your payment to the church office. **Payment must accompany your order.** Please make checks payable to: **First Moravian Church of Dover.**

**Order forms** were in the bulletin and are **available today on the Ushers' table at the back of the sanctuary.**

Your loved one's name will appear in the bulletin for the Christmas Candlelight service. You will receive a paper Moravian Star ornament for your support of missions for your Christmas tree. The funds will go toward **World Mission: Board of World Mission; and Local Missions: Friends of the Homeless of Tuscarawas County.**

## Community Soup & Sandwich Luncheons

by Susan Corder and Marcia Harding



The next Community Soup & Sandwich Luncheon will be on **Friday, December 4**, from 11-1:00 p.m.

The luncheons will be **Carry-out ONLY** and **deliveries will be available to businesses with a minimum order of \$15 or more.**

The **menu** will be **soups, sandwiches and desserts.** **Quarts of soup need to be pre-ordered by Monday before the luncheon.**

There is **no dine-in** until further notice. Proceeds from our luncheons help the Moravian Women contribute to missionary efforts at home and around the world. We appreciate all your support in making our luncheons a success. If you can help work, please contact **Marcia Harding, 330-343-2104**, or **Susan Corder, 330-204-0931.**

**Dates for other Friday luncheons** are as follows: **March 5, and April 9.** Plan to help work, support the luncheons, and let your friends know they can still get carry-out!

## 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.

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, Gnadenhutten, Uhrichville, 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.** 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*

## Sole Purpose

by Julie Pfeiffer



The 2020 Sole Purpose team lived up to their mission statement. "Putting shoes on kids' feet". We distributed **600 shoe vouchers to TUFF bags**. We have expanded service into Tusky Valley Schools. We have spent around \$18,000 for the care of this county's children. That's mission-minded work. **We need more youths involved!** Please call/text 330-407-2471 or 330-340-6494 and join other youths in the congregation in Sole Purpose. **Get involved in Sole Purpose today!**

Beginning on **Sunday, December 6**, the team is happy to report they will be sponsoring the annual "**Sock Market**". Sock sponsorship is broken down as follows: **\$100.00 for a red sock, \$50.00 for a blue sock, and \$30.00 for a yellow sock**. We hope that even if you don't make it to church to view our display and give a donation, that you will still send in your support to the church office. We will mail a surprise to those people who send in a donation!

Also, our **2021 Pancake Breakfast** is slated for **Saturday, March 6**. It will be carry-out only. So plan to drive to the church that Saturday and stay in your car while the youths from Sole Purpose bring you pancakes in Styrofoam containers. We are still deciding what we will do with the silent auction.



## Trimming of Candles

by Susan Corder



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 evening only for the **Trimming of Candles**. If you have never helped, plan to come and learn how to trim the candles. The Trimming of Candles for the Christmas Eve services will be held **Tuesday, December 8, from 6:00-9:00 p.m.** in the social hall. Reminder: Bring your scotch tape dispensers. **Mark your calendars, everyone is invited to help, come and bring a friend!**