

First Moravian Church

319 N. Walnut Street, Dover, Ohio 44622

November 8, 2020

9:30 A.M.

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Prelude "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus" *Manz*

Welcome and the "Good News" of the Church Family

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

Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour. Matthew 25:13

*** Roll Call and Prayer**

*** Liturgy for National Occasions**

 *Kathy Bergstrom, Cantor*  : *Music Cantered*
(*Standing*)

Leader: O praise the Lord, all ye nations;

Cong: Praise Him, all ye people.

L: For His mercy is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord endures forever.

C: Praise ye the Lord.

L: Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as the dust on the scales. Let the living know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomsoever He will. The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to naught; He makes the thoughts of the people to be of no effect. The counsel of the Lord stands fast forever, the thought of His heart to all generations. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance. Yea, happy are the people whose God is the Lord.

C: Praise ye the Lord.

L: Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy Name give glory,

C: For Thy loving-kindness, and for Thy truth's sake.

 (*Sitting*)

L: Almighty God, Thou Who art ruler of nations and to Whose gracious providence we owe the manifold blessings of our land,

C: We worship Thee with grateful hearts.

L: We confess that, in many things, we have departed from Thy precepts and from Thy judgments, and it is of Thy mercies that we are not consumed. To Thee belong mercies and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Thee; neither have we obeyed Thy voice, O Lord our God, to walk in Thy laws, which Thou hast set before us.

C: Lord, have mercy upon us, and pardon our transgressions.

L: Bless, O Lord, we pray Thee, all who are in places of authority. Protect them from violence, and fill the hearts of the people with reverence and love for those who, as the ministers of God, have been set for the punishment of evil-doers and the praise of those who do well. Raise up for us leaders who shall perform Thy pleasure, and in patience and fortitude, shall stay themselves upon Thee, O God.

C: Save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.

L: Make of this nation a chosen instrument for the promotion of peace, freedom, and righteousness. May it be a haven for the oppressed of other lands, a home of happiness for all who dwell within its borders; and may our heritage of liberty be preserved unimpaired for the generations to come.

C: Hear us, gracious Lord and God.

L: Safeguard, we beseech Thee, Thy holy day of rest and the sacred institution of the home; grant that all who are employed in the education of youth may recognize that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; and turn Thou the hearts of all people unto Thee that they may seek eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

C: Hear us, gracious Lord and God.

L: Grant unto those who are of the household of faith, wisdom, that, as citizens of this nation, they may adorn the gospel in all their works. Enable them to submit to every ordinance of man for Thy sake, ready for every good work, abstaining from every form of evil and rendering unto all their dues.

C: Hear us, gracious Lord and God.

L: Grant unto the people of this and all other lands a love of peace and order, that the nations shall learn war no more. Hasten the day when the kingdom of the world shall become the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever.

C: Hear us, gracious Lord and God.



(Standing)

L: Now, therefore, saith the Lord, if you will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then you shall be Mine own possession; and you shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

C: All that the Lord has spoken we will do.

L: Then shall you dwell in your land safely, saith the Lord, and I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down and none shall make you afraid, and I will walk among you, and will be your God, and you shall be My people.



Prayer

Special Music

“Aria on Ebenezer” arr. Anderson
Donna Keller, Handbells H. 529, vs. 1 & 4
Kathy Bergstrom, Soprano Red Hymnal

*Not alone for mighty empire stretching far o’er land and sea,
Not alone for bounteous harvests lift we up our hearts to Thee;
Standing in the living present, memory and hope between,
Lord, we would with deep thanksgiving praise Thee most for things
unseen.*

*God of justice, save the people from the clash of race and creed;
From the strife of class and faction make our nation free indeed;
Keep her faith in simple manhood strong as when her life began,
Till it find its full fruition in the brotherhood of man!*

**Scripture Lesson: Amos 5:18-24
Matthew 25:1-13**

Anthem *“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”* Larson
Kathy Bergstrom

The Message: “Healing Lights”

Prayer

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.

Today we recognize our Veterans:

Tom Armstrong, Joe Bell, Bob Brewer, Dave Engelhart, Jim F. Graef, Tom Grimm, Paul Hoffman, Rich Kelley, Ron Kohl, Larry Kutcher, Gary Martin, Rick Michel, Sam Paden, Ron Pissocra, Don Richardson, Adrian Schaar, Dave Schooff, Gene Sidel, Jon Stingel, Dave Trustdorf, and Bob Williams.

Flowers

The flowers are in loving memory of Wayne (Bud) and Eileen Stuber and Warren and Jean Rees, given by Bruce and Lai Lonie Rees.

One Call Now ~ 330-364-8831
Josh and Jessi Garvin are sponsoring our One Call Now this week.

Worship Attendance Report

Sunday 9:30 a.m. ~ 72 Wednesday 6:30 p.m. ~ 9

Prayers for the People

Our sympathy and prayers are extended...

...to **Marilyn and Richard Rainsberger and family** on the death of Marilyn’s brother, Ron Zimmerman, on November 2. Pastor John Wallace officiated at the graveside service on Friday, November 6, 2020, in Dover Burial Park. Toland-Herzig Funeral Home handled arrangements.

...to **Jeannie and Rick Michel** on the death of Jeannie’s uncle, Louis Vesco, on October 30, of Westerville, Ohio. A memorial service was held in Columbus, Ohio on Friday, November 6.

...to **Abby (Mastin) Houk and Steve and Becky Mastin and family** on the sudden death of Abby’s husband, Ryan, age 41, of Dover on October 29. Visitation was held on Monday, Nov. 2, in Toland-Herzig Funeral Home.

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

Birthday and Anniversary Daily Prayer Support

Nov. 8 Suzanne Rinderknecht
 Nov. 9 Dan Peveto, Vienna Snedeker
 Nov. 10 Abigail Yackey
 Nov. 11 Joe Compton, Bob Keener
 Nov. 12 Bonnie Auman, Eric McGlumphy
 Nov. 13 Richard L. Prince

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
 2:00 PM Reeves Bell Rehearsal ó Sanctuary

Monday 9:00 AM Staff Meeting ó Pastor’s Office
 9-Noon M&W Buckeye ASPIRE Classes ó Basement
 10:00 AM Counting ó Living Room
 6:00 PM Mor. Women Adv. Bd. ó Living Room

7-8:00 PM Confirmation Class via Zoom

Tuesday 9-Noon T&Th Buckeye ESOL Classes ó Basement

DEADLINE to Register for Online Bible Study

6-8:30 PM T&Th Buckeye ESOL Classes ó Basement
 7:00 PM Elders Meeting ó Room 215
 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting ó Social Hall

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

Thursday 6:30-8:30 PM Brushstrokes Art Class ó Social Hall

Friday Noon Adult Bible Study ó Room 215

Sunday 9:30 AM Worship, Infant & Adult Baptisms,
 Holy Communion, Helping Hand Sunday
 & Children’s Church ó Sanctuary
 Online worship is available each week.
 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study ó Basement

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. 15 ~ Worship, Holy Communion, Helping Hand Sunday,
 Infant & Adult Baptisms & Children’s Church**

**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

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 Nov. 10th.** We will need your email so that you can receive your ‘link’ to the zoom room.

Our Mission & Outreach Opportunities

2020 Helping Hand Sunday

by Cheryl Stephens

On **Sunday, November 15**, you are invited to bring non-perishable food items with you to church and/or to place a special offering in the offering plate for Helping Hands. **Please use your special Helping Hand offering envelope with the border and dated November 15, 2020, (which is located in front of the November 15 envelope in your packet), or any other envelope and mark it for Helping Hand.**

There will be a table between the double doors as you enter the church for your non-perishable food donations. These items will be used to help replenish our food pantry and make up food baskets now and throughout the year. Your special offering will add to the **Helping Hand Fund** which is used to purchase perishable and non-perishable foods and give many types of assistance to those in need, including food baskets throughout the year.

Please bring only these suggested non-perishable items. (Those in bold print are needed more than the others.)

Cereal, oatmeal, crackers, pancake mix, syrup

Jelly, mustard, ketchup, **peanut butter**

Rice, noodles, plain macaroni,

Mac & cheese, pasta sauce, spaghetti

Soup: Tomato, Mushroom, Cream of Chicken, Celery, Chicken Noodle

Canned fruits, vegetables, potatoes

Chicken, or Hamburger Helper meals, dried beef, or canned chicken, Spam, tuna, **instant mashed potatoes, complete meals**

Cake/Muffin mixes, frosting, jello, pudding

Toiletries: bath soap

Paper towels, bath tissue, Kleenex



Please check expiration dates on all foods.

Please do not bring flour or sugar.

If you would like to make a donation of groceries and are not attending church yet, you can **drop them off at the church** between the double doors or **you can call the church office, 330-364-8831, and we will have someone pick them up at your house.**

If you know of anyone, especially the elderly or a shut-in, in need of a food basket or other assistance, please notify the church office and our committee will use these donations to help meet those needs.



“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.

Our Fellowship Opportunities



Brushstrokes Art Class

On **Thursday, November 12**, from **6:30-8:30 p.m.**, there will be a **Brushstrokes Art Class** with Karen Gazdik, a member of Sharon Moravian Church, and her friend, Rosemary Hall. **The class is limited to 15 people**, so be sure to **sign up early** by calling the church office!

Registration **deadline** is **today, November 8**. **The cost is just \$10**. Call your friends and then make your reservations to attend! See you on the 12th.



Moravian Women Christmas Party

by Lorrigan Booth



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

All Moravian Women are invited to the **Christmas Party** which will be held on **Thursday, December 10**, at **6:00 p.m.** in the **Social Hall**. We look forward to enjoying a lovely evening of food, fellowship, and festivity in celebration of our Lord Jesus' birth.

Please call or text Linda Hayman at **330-401-9271** to make your reservation **prior to December 1, 2020**. **Reservations are essential this year, so that appropriately distanced seating may be planned**. There will be no sign-up sheets in the lobby. See you there!

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.

Just a Reminder...

...from our January Sunday Bulletins

Reducing Operating Costs by Using Email, Hand-outs/Pick-ups and our Church Website

The Trustees of Dover First are always looking for ways to reduce operating costs. **Beginning in this new decade, we will eliminate using U.S. mail whenever possible and communicate through email, hand-outs/pick-ups, our website and One Call Now.**

If you would like to receive communications by email, please call Karen Baker (330-364-8831) to confirm she has your correct email address.

If you'd rather not receive email, communications will be handed-out at Sunday services, or you can pick them up in the office at your convenience. We will use One Call Now to notify members when a mass email has been sent and when hand-out/pick-up is available. We will, of course, still mail to our shut-ins.

If you prefer to receive communications by U.S. mail, please contact Karen (330-364-8831) and she will add your name to the U.S. mail list.

Thank you for understanding and helping to save money!

A Note of Thanks!



We extend **our thanks and appreciation** to the following people who helped with the fall cleanup of the church grounds: **Don Richardson, Dave Yoder, Jud Compton, Sam Paden, Steve and Julie Williams and Marcia Harding**. Many hands make light work!