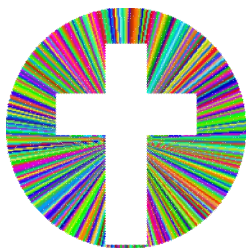


The Dover Moravian Messenger



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First Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, January 10, 2021

Watchword for the Week:

The Moravian Daily Texts

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor. Psalm 29:2

Important information concerning the COVID-19 pandemic: The Board of Elders, at their meeting on January 5, 2021, made the decision to suspend all in-person worship services through January 31, 2021. **Worship services will be reevaluated at the Board of Elders Meeting on February 2. Our Worship services can be viewed on our church website.** Group meetings/facility usage for meals, Bible Studies, projects, etc. will continue with existing safety protocols in place. **Wearing a face mask is required when entering the building – if you do not have a face mask, one will be provided. Communication is being made through the church’s website, the “One Call Now” system, letters, and through our Shepherd’s Phone Tree.**

2021 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES ~ IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE ENVELOPES THEY ARE AVAILABLE to pick up.

If your name is on a check or on a plain envelope, you are given credit for your giving. If you would like to give electronically, or update your electronic giving, a form is available in the church office. If you have any questions, (regarding electronic giving, envelopes or statements) please call or text me at 330-933-9707 or email at juliewill1411@gmail.com

From the Board of Trustees:

The Trustees would like to thank the congregation for their generosity throughout 2020 and this abnormal year. We were able to meet all our obligations, as well as tackle several projects along the way, as summarized in the annual report.

The Trustees would also like to request some assistance regarding donations to the various missions of the church. **If possible, a separate check for the following ministry areas assist us in maintaining the deposits more effectively.** Checks can be made payable to First Moravian Church and you will be properly credited for your donation. The ministry areas that have separate bank accounts are:

- Helping Hand Fund
- Minister’s Aid Society
- Sole Purpose
- Music Fund Endowment
- Memorial Fund Endowment
- Moravian Women



Just a Reminder Friends and Parents,

The church has provided **"Winter Kids' Kits" for our children.** You may pick one up for your child(ren). Each Kit contains a Bible-based fun activity/project for the child, tied to the theme of the day's service. Enjoy the time spent together with your little one(s) building a memory. *Pastor John*



One Call Now ~ 330-364-8831



Karen and Stan Baker are sponsoring our One Call Now this week.

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.

One Call Now Sponsors are needed for February 21 & 28.

If you would like to sponsor a week or two, please call Karen in the church office to sign up. The cost is **\$10.00 per week.**

Congregational Watchword for 2021

Do as the occasion demands; for God is with you. 1 Samuel 10:7 NKJV

...Stop by the church and select your 2021 Watchword.

Watchwords are available in a basket located on a small table between the double doors as you enter the church.

Prayers for the People

Our **sympathy and prayers** are extended...

...to **Linda France and family** on the death of Linda's mother, Jane Lahm, age 97, of Baltic, Ohio, on January 4. Private graveside services will be held at West Lawn Cemetery in Baltic with Pastor Bill Johnson officiating.

...to **Joan Hayward** on the death of her brother, Richard "Dick" Gummere, 83, of Dover, who passed away on January 4.

...to **Parker Boughner** on the death of his step-grandfather, Keith Dessecker, age 78, of Dover, on January 4. The Celebration of Life service was held on Friday, January 8, in Linn-Hert-Geib Funeral Home at New Philadelphia, Ohio. Burial was in Dover Burial Park.

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

Jan. 10	Pam Smith
Jan. 11	Cynthia Seaman
Jan. 12	Mary Lou Lahmers – 93 rd
Jan. 14	Earl Johnson – 101 st
Jan. 15	Janet Zimmerman



Our Calendar for the Week

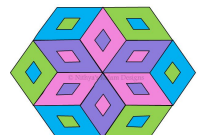
Sunday	Online worship is available each week on the church website: doverfirstmoravianchurch.org
	9:30 AM Online Worship
	10:30 AM Adult Bible Study via Zoom
Monday	9:00 AM Staff Meeting ó Pastor's Office
	9-Noon <u>M&W</u> Buckeye ASPIRE Classes ó Basement
	10:00 AM Counting ó Living Room
	7-8:00 PM Confirmation Class via Zoom
Tuesday	9-Noon <u>T&Th</u> Buckeye ESOL Classes ó Basement
	10-11:00 AM Bible Study ó The Beatitudes ó via Zoom
	6-8:30 PM <u>T&Th</u> Buckeye ESOL Classes ó Basement
	7:00 PM Trustees' Meeting ó Social Hall
Wednesday	6:30 PM óCreating Sunday's Worshipö ó Sanctuary
	6:30 PM Men's Bible Study ó Room 215
Friday	Noon Adult Bible Study ó Room 215
Sunday	Online worship is available on the church website.
	10:30 AM Adult Bible Study via Zoom

A Thank You Note!

Dear Church Family,

Just a note of thanks for all the prayers, cards, Facebook messages and texts following my recent diagnosis. I am also thankful for the prayer shawl, especially since it was made by my Camp Bethany roomie Bev Sears! I know it will bring me much comfort. We have a tough road ahead but we are ready to fight and are equipped with the most amazing support network. Thank you all!

Love,
Hallie McGlumphy



Stewardship Moments

Jan. 3 ~ And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything, and may provide in abundance for every good work. *2 Corinthians 9:8*

Jan. 10 ~ I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back. *Maya Angelou (1928 – 2014), poet, civil rights activist*

Tearing Barriers Apart

From the start of Jesus' ministry, he was all about tearing apart the barriers that stand between God and God's people. The Gospel of Mark's account of the baptism of Jesus uses the Greek verb *schizo*, which translated in the NRSV is "torn apart." He uses this verb to describe the heavens opening up so the Spirit could descend on Jesus "like a dove." The only other time Mark uses this verb is to describe what happens to the Temple curtain at Jesus' death. The curtain that separated God's people from the sacrificial altar was torn apart. No longer did God's people need a mediator to go to God for forgiveness. The barrier to direct contact was torn apart.

As Jesus began his ministry on earth, the barriers that had separated God from God's people began to tear apart. The religious structures that were in place to keep people away began to tear apart. The assumptions about who was clean and unclean, who was acceptable and who was not, began to tear apart. Jesus began to tear apart the old ways of understanding and knowing God, so that any barriers would be removed and all could be welcomed into God's kingdom.

Upon this tearing apart, God speaks, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." Mark doesn't say if anyone else at this event heard this voice, but it is recorded for us to hear. God was pleased with Jesus' desire to tear apart that which would separate God from God's people. God is pleased when we seek to do the same.

*Beth Rohn-Habegger, pastor, Wisconsin Rapids Moravian Church,
Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin*

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*Please stay safe and healthy.
Have a good week!*