

# The Dover Moravian Messenger



**Church Mailing Address:**  
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*Second Sunday after Christmas*

*Sunday, January 3, 2021*

## Congregational Watchword for 2021

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

### **Watchword for the Week:**

*The Moravian Daily Texts*

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace. Ephesians 1:7



### **Annual Church Council Reminder...**

**All reports are due in the church office **by 9:00 A.M. Tomorrow, January 4, 2021.****

The report should include a summary of what took place during the year, mention of membership, plans for the coming year, as well as a financial report. Financial reports should show both income and expenses. E-mail your report to: [admin.assistant@firstmoravianchurch.org](mailto:admin.assistant@firstmoravianchurch.org) Your cooperation in meeting this deadline will be appreciated.

### **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](mailto: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. These items will be 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**

Scott and Sharyn Minor 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 2021.** 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.

**Prayers for the People**

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

...to **Judy Thompson and Jean and Don Richardson and family** on the death of Judy's husband and Jean's stepdad, Bob Thompson, who passed away Wednesday night.

...to **Mary Prince and family** on the recent deaths of Mary's two brothers. Pete McKittrick, her older brother, of Dover, Ohio, passed away on Christmas Eve and Ben McKittrick, her younger brother, of Syracuse, New York, passed away on Dec. 29.

**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. 3      Abby Houk, Kristin Becker, Zachary Kosmala  
                  Anniv: Jim & Cynthia Seaman
- Jan. 4      Violet Schmitzer; Anniv: Beau & Rosey Smith
- Jan. 5      Dennis Duncan, Shawn McCarthy
- Jan. 6      Becky Mastin
- Jan. 8      John Levengood, Kennedy Hale, Julie Burrell

## *Our Calendar for the Week*

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| Sunday    | Online worship is available each week on the church website: <a href="http://doverfirstmoravianchurch.org">doverfirstmoravianchurch.org</a> |
|           | 9:30 AM Online Worship & Holy Communion   |
|           | 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study via Zoom   |
| Monday    | 9:00 AM Staff Meeting ó Pastorø Office  |
|           | <b>9:00 AM Church Council Reports Due in Church Office</b>  |
|           | 9-Noon <u>M&amp;W</u> Buckeye ASPIRE Classes ó Basement   |
|           | 10:00 AM Counting ó Living Room   |
|           | 7:00 PM CEC Meeting ó Social Hall   |
|           | 7-8:00 PM Confirmation Class via Zoom   |
| Tuesday   | 9-Noon <u>T&amp;Th</u> Buckeye ESOL Classes ó Basement  |
|           | 10-11:00 AM Bible Study öThe Beatitudesö via Zoom   |
|           | 6-8:30 PM <u>T&amp;Th</u> Buckeye ESOL Classes ó Basement   |
|           | 7:00 PM Eldersø Meeting ó Room 215  |
| Wednesday | 6:30 PM öCreating Sundayø Worshipö ó Sanctuary  |
|           | 6:30 PM Menø 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   |

**Important information concerning the COVID-19 pandemic:** The Board of Elders, at their meeting on December 1, 2020, made the decision to suspend all in-person worship services through January 3, 2021. **Worship services will be reevaluated at the Board of Elders Meeting on January 5. 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.



*Please stay safe and healthy . . .  
Wear a face mask,  
social distance,  
and wash your hands often.*

## Caffeine or Community?

I took a walk the other day, planning to grab some coffee to sustain me through the afternoon. These days I wear a mask when I'm outside and practice social distancing in an effort to care for others and myself. It's a lot to manage all at once, especially when I want to stay grounded: clearing my thoughts and feeling my feet against the pavement. But nowadays it's hard to let go and just be, trying instead so that I don't get too close to anyone. Sometimes, I pretend that the distance doesn't affect me. Deep down, I know that it does.

As I wondered along the sidewalk, I was surprised to run into someone I hadn't seen for many months. A conversation ensued and needless to say, I lost track of the time. The coffee shop was closed when I finally arrived. The hours are different now and I couldn't remember. I walked back home in silence. No coffee. Bummer. But I was grateful. If I had really wanted to, I could have made it to the coffee shop on time, but I would have missed the chance to reconnect with someone else. And what is it that we really need to sustain us in these days? Caffeine or community?

The writer of John's Gospel reminds us to be on the lookout for human connection. The God of love appears in the flesh and blood and bones of life: love that makes a home and shelters us, love that lights the way for all people, love that shines in the lives and in the faces of those whom we meet along the street on an ordinary day. How many times am I in such a hurry that I'm not even paying attention?

*Andrew Heil, associate pastor, Home Moravian Church,  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina*

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