



Moravian Minutes

First Moravian Church, 304 S. Elam Ave., Greensboro, NC 27403

March 10, 2024

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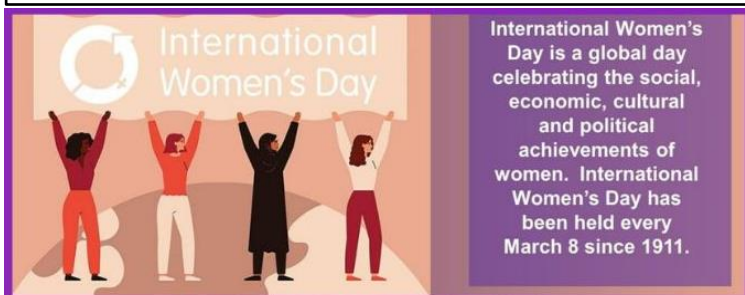
United in Christ, Reaching Out with Love, Changing Lives

2024 WATCHWORD

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen. *Romans 11:36*

SUNDAY PREVIEW

One of the most loved (and most seen in public) Bible verses is about love: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." We will hear it this Sunday as part of our Gospel reading. Out of love, God came in the flesh to be with us, in love. God left us love and asked us to share the love. God is love and God is light. But John warns us there is a twisted, distorted kind of "love." It's a "love" that loves darkness more than light. But whatever is cowering in the shadows can't stay hidden forever. As the bumper sticker says, "Love Wins." So will the light. After all, light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.



International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. International Women's Day has been held every March 8 since 1911.

Happy International Women's Day! If you will be in Winston Salem on Friday or Saturday, stop by The Muddy Creek Café at 626 South Main Street, on the square in Old Salem. The Unity Women's Desk is hosting a "pop-up market" featuring items by Linda Worley, Lynn Waggoner, the UWD, Vida Collective, and more. Hours: March 8, 11:30am-7:00pm; March 9, 11:00am-1:00pm.

EXTENDED CALENDAR OF EVENTS, SPRING 2024

- Sunday, March 10** Church Board (5:00pm, Conf. Rm)
- Tuesday, March 12** Friendship Circle (11:30am, NFH)
- Wednesday, March 13** Candle Tea Crafting Group (2:00-3:30pm, Craft Room)
- Saturday, March 23** Garden Work Day
- Holy Week, March 24-29** Readings nightly at 7:00pm (Sun-Wed, OFH; Thu-Fri, Sanctuary)
- Thursday, March 28** Maundy Thursday Communion (7:00pm)
- Friday, March 29** Good Friday Lovefeast (7:00pm)
- Saturday, March 30** Easter Fair/Egg Hunt (10:00am-12:00pm)
Garden Work Day
- Sunday, March 31** Easter Sunday
- Saturday, April 6** Community Open House for the Garden

SUNDAY, MARCH 10 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT PRAISE BAND SUNDAY

Watchword for the Week: By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2:8

March Joyful Noise:
Secondary School in Sierra Leone

Zoom Meeting ID: 205 454 336

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/205454336>

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

- Sun, Mar 10** Sunday School (9:45am)
Worship (11:00am)
Board Meeting (5:00pm, Conf. Rm)
- Mon, Mar 11** Intermediate Band (7:00pm, OFH)
- Tues, Mar 12** Friendship Circle (11:30am, OFH)
- Wed, Mar 13** Candle Tea Craft Group (3:30pm, Craft m)
Praise Band Rehearsal (6:00pm, OFH)
Chancel Choir Rehearsal (7:30pm, OFH)
- Fri, Mar 15** The New Potatoes Concert (7:00pm, OFH)



WORK IN THE SERVANTS' GARDEN HAS BEGUN

Last weekend, FMC members and NCA&T students spread 12-cubic-yards of mulch around the boxes to begin preparations for the Servants' Garden this year. A big "Thank You" to Jesse and Lilly Day, Lilly's friend Danielle, Penny Wofford, and Gray Styers for helping move mulch. (And Lilly and Danielle successfully tried the Biblical-era sling after completing their work!) We need help installing a fence on March 23 and 30, and stay tuned for details of a neighborhood event at the Garden on April 6.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE FEBRUARY SUNDAY STAPLE STAMPEDE

For the next three Sundays, we will turn our attention to supporting the Moravian Secondary School in Sierra Leone. Claire Wilson will speak about mission work under way in the West African country. So bring your coins and dollar bills to add to the collection cans. Our goal for this month is \$500.

OFFERING FOR THE WORK OF THE UNITY

Last week we received \$573 on Unity Prayer Day to support the work of Moravian congregations in Germany and the Czech Republic helping Ukrainian refugees. It is not too late to give, if you have not done so already. You may contribute to the Unity Offering by check (designate your donation Unity Offering), mailing your donation to Gay Cass, or by using the QR code below to use the giving portal.



CANDLE TEA CRAFTING GROUP MEETING: THIS WEDNESDAY!

The Candle Tea crafting group will begin meeting from 2 to 3:30 pm Wednesday, March 13, in the craft room (lower level of New Fellowship Hall). All experience levels are welcome. New craft ideas are appreciated. For more information, contact Penny Wofford, 336-312-7500, pennyjwofford@gmail.com.

Views from the Holy Land: Reflections and Call for Action

from Churches for Middle East Peace Executive
Leaders' Trip to Israel/Palestine



March 12, 2024 at 4pm ET / 3pm CT



with The Rev. Sue Koenig
Moravian Church in America
Representative to CMEP



co-sponsored
by the MCNP
and MCSP

Join us on Zoom
tinyurl.com/yeywbu95
Meeting ID: 814 4290 2042
Passcode: 535349

COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES FROM FIDDLE AND BOW DEBUTS AT FMC

Fiddle and Bow, a local non-profit educational organization, presents their first concert at FMC on March 15 at 7:00pm: the traditional Irish music band The New Potatoes' pre-St. Patrick's Day concert. Tickets are available on Eventbrite. More information is available on either First Moravian's or Fiddle and Bow's Facebook pages.

Pray Every Day March 2024

1. Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Pray for disaster relief workers and Moravian Disaster Response.
2. You see at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent in Croatia.
3. So also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Pray for Anna Faircloth with YoungLife.
4. For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. Pray for Charlie and Vicki Brent in Texas.
5. And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Pray for the Middle East conflict.
6. Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Pray for the government leaders in our country.
7. I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion. Pray for short-term mission teams.
8. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Pray for Safiatu Braima and Sierra Leone.
9. Oh the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! Pray for seminarians and candidates for ordination.
10. I urge you, in view of Gods mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleased to God-this is your spiritual act of worship. Pray for the Moravians in Peru.
11. Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil. Cling to what is good. Pray for the Clinica Evangelica Morava in Ahaus.
12. As surely as I live, says the Lord, every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God. Pray for Moravians in Cuba and the Armando Rusindo Foundation.
13. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that ou may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pray for PEC members, bishops, and other church leaders.
14. No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him. Pray for Moravians in Honduras and Nicaragua.
15. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. Pray for the Raipur Foster Child Project.
16. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. Pray for the Teshes in Kenya and Ray of Hope.
17. And now these three remain; faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford in Mexico.
18. Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love. Pray for Ukrainian refugees.
19. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. Pray for Adopt-a-Village in Tanzania.
20. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! Pray for the Sineaths in Campus Outreach.
21. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Pray for Joey Yokeley and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
22. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Pray for the Unity Women's Desk.
23. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS ministry.
24. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions-it is by grace you have been saved. Pray for City with Dwellings in Winston Salem, NC.
25. Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
26. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Pray for the Harrisons with Greek Intervarsity.
27. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
28. But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. Pray for Alan and DeeDee lobst in France.
29. Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Pray for Annie B Missions and Star Mountain.
30. I can do everything through him who gives me strength. Pray for the Board of World Mission.
31. Since then you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Pray for Estamos Unidos Moravian Ministry.

All Women of the Southern Province are invited to a Spiritual Life Retreat!

Ask, Listen, Move:

Following Jesus' Loving Lead to be Set In Motion by God

ASK LISTEN MOVE

Friday, April 19, 2024 – Sunday, April 21, 2023

Retreat Facilitator: Rev. Christy Clore
Laurel Ridge Camp and Conference Center

Higgins Lodge

For further information please contact:
The Provincial Women's Board
336.722-4911 or pwbmcsp@gmail.com

Golf Fundraiser

Friday, April 19, 2024, 2:00pm

Reynolds Park Golf Course

2391 Reynolds Park Rd, Winston-Salem, NC 27107

Proceeds will benefit Building CommUNITY Capital Campaign Projects.

Hosted by:

Bobby Jones (Hope Moravian, Former Owner of Hillcrest Golf Course) and Art Sorensen (Home Moravian Chair, Laurel Ridge Board)

REGISTER BY APRIL 1, 2024

\$75/person -- \$300/team

Waiting list after first (paid) 26 teams/104 players

Registration Includes:

18 holes of golf

Dinner by Mr. Barbecue Goodie bags with prizes

For more information:

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SANCTUARY FLOWERS

We have a new Sanctuary Flower sign-up sheet available in the narthex! Arrangements are \$38 each, with two arrangement slots available each Sunday. Checks should be made payable to FMC with the memo "Chancel Flowers." Please contact the church office with your special dedication to be printed in that Sunday's bulletin.

LAUREL RIDGE NEEDS CAMP MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS!

From Scarlet Dowdy:

- Junior 1 June 16-22, 2024
- Middle High 2 July 14-20, 2024

If you are a Nurse, P.A. or Doctor and would like to volunteer for one of these weeks please contact Scarlett Dowdy. scarlett@laurelridge.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

Betsy Cole (step-mother to Melissa Day, brain cancer diagnosis, prayers for recovery following surgery); Peggy Stocks (hospitalization for congestive heart failure); Robert Wall (Mary Patton's brother, following brain bleed and fall); Gary Crist (Caroline Council's nephew, worsening ALS) and wife LaDonna; the family of Linda Shutt, mother of the Rev. Tim Sapp, who entered the more immediate presence of her Savior on March 7 (graveside service at Fulp Moravian Church March 11 at 11:00am); David Lozano (complications from cough, eye injury); Bev Lozano (cataract surgery); Peyton Averitt; Gail Haworth (recent hospitalization for heart problems); Charles McKinney (upcoming heart procedure); the Rt. Rev. John Wilson of Miami, FL (serious injuries from a fall and in critical condition); Roger Thornton, who has entered hospice care, and his family (father of Nancy Jackson's roommate Loretta); James Wilson (Sue Kiorpes' nephew; stage IV cancer has spread to liver and lungs); Wyn Hrdlicka (hip replacement); Emily Brame (continued prayer); Linda Veach (at home); Bobby Martin (friend of Jane McKinney, stomach cancer); the family of Roswell Seagle (nephew of Caroline Council) following his passing; Evelyn Petersen (Elvis Petersen's mother, colon cancer); Joe Trogden (esophageal cancer); Karen Mashburn and family; peace in Israel and Gaza; Tom Hoisington (kidney removal); Victoria Ragland Cook (cancer treatment).

DAY OF PRAYER SERVICES FOR 2024

March 13, 11:00 AM. Fairview Moravian, Speaker: The Rt. Rev. Tom Shelton. The service will be in person and include communion. The service will be available on YouTube and Facebook.

March 20, 11:00 AM. Konnoak Hills Moravian, Speaker: Rev. Margaret Norris. Lovefeast. The service will be in person and online: <http://www.khmoravian.org/> Select "YouTube Channel" at the top of the page.

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Graham McCandless, 10th
Steve Wilson, 13th

Amy Millikan, 10th

Heather Mitchell, 13th
Stephen Harriman, 15th

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