



# Moravian Minutes

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

## March 24, 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

Join us this Sunday, when we'll pray the traditional liturgy for Palm Sunday, which includes the beloved Hosanna, and hear Mark's version of Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We'll have plenty of palm branches to hand out, although Mark only mentions "leafy branches" in his account. In addition, in Mark's retelling, the whole episode ends on an almost anticlimactic note. It starts with the crowd spreading cloaks and branches on the road and crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" Then, it's as if they drift off. Mark says Jesus went to the Temple, looked around, and left, returning to Bethany.

After Sunday morning worship, we will return home, but I hope many of you will come back Sunday evening at 7:00pm for our first night of Holy Week readings. The readings will continue each night at 7:00pm. We'll also celebrate Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday and a lovefeast on Good Friday.

### EXTENDED CALENDAR OF EVENTS, SPRING 2024

- Sunday, March 24** Garden Work Day (1:00pm)
- 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 24

#### PALM SUNDAY

**Watchword for the Week:** Jesus said, "You will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and 'coming with the clouds of heaven'." Mark 14:62

#### 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 24** Sunday School (9:45am)  
Worship (11:00am)  
Garden Work Day (1:00pm)  
Holy Week Readings (7:00pm, OFH)
- Mon, Mar 25** Holy Week Readings (7:00pm, OFH)
- Tues, Mar 26** Holy Week Readings (7:00pm, OFH)
- Wed, Mar 27** Holy Week Readings (7:00pm, OFH)
- Thurs, Mar 28** Maundy Thursday Readings and Communion (7:00pm, Sanctuary)
- Fri, Mar 29** Good Friday Readings and Lovefeast (7:00pm, Sanctuary)
- Sat Mar 30** Easter Fair/Egg Hunt (10:00am-12:00pm)  
Garden Work Day (Time TBD)
- Sun Mar 31** Easter Sunday  
Sunrise Service (7:00am)  
Sunday Worship (11:00am)

### FMC CRAFT GROUP

The crafting group will not meet March 27.

We will resume meeting on Wednesday, April 3, at 2 p.m. in the NFH Craft Room.



# Easter Fair & Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30th  
10:00am (NFH if raining)

## MARCH JOYFUL NOISE: SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SIERRA LEONE

After two weeks, we have met our goal, but how much further can we go? The March Joyful Noise offering, which now stands at \$536.93, will be used to fund teacher salaries and housing, school supplies, etc., at the Moravian Secondary School in Sierra Leone, and the needs are great. So please continue dropping your contributions in the collection cans in the narthex through March 31 and see how large we can grow our gift to our fellow Moravians in west Africa. Thank you for your generosity!



## GARDEN WORKDAY MOVED TO SUNDAY, MARCH 24

One of the key takeaways from the Garden Committee's experience last year was the necessity of a fence--if the garden is going to reach its full potential--to keep out the wildlife who want to munch on the seedlings and crops. **We will be working this Sunday afternoon, March 24, beginning at 1:00, to place the fence posts, and next Saturday, March 30, to install the fence itself.** We need volunteers to work with our partners from NC A&T University and hope you can join us! Wear clothes that can get dirty (especially on Sunday) and plan to have more fun than you might anticipate!

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Alex Hanson, 25th  
Caroline Armijo, 29th

Dalton McLean, 26th  
Justin McKinney, 29th  
Beverley Lozano, 30th

Morgan Owen, 28th  
Judith Berry, 29th

## LAUREL RIDGE NEEDS CAMP MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS!

*From Scarlett 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](mailto:scarlett@laurelridge.org)



# FMC Sunday on the Mountain May 5, 2024

Join us for worship, lunch, and fellowship  
at Laurel Ridge!

Join your FMC family for worship, lunch, and an afternoon of fellowship at Laurel Ridge on May 5th as we celebrate Sunday on the Mountain!

For those wishing to carpool or caravan, we'll depart FMC at 8:30am and arrive to Higgins Lodge between 10:15-10:30am. After worship on the terrace at 11:00am, we'll enjoy a delicious lunch in the dining room.

Following lunch, stay as long as you like and spend the afternoon rocking on the porch, knitting in the lodge, working a puzzle, playing ping-pong or board games, fishing in the lake, playing frisbee golf, or taking an easy hike to the top of the mountain to visit the various overlooks.

## **Lunch Menu:**

Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad bar, roll, drinks (coffee, tea, lemonade, water), apple pie with ice cream for dessert (Alternate menu options are available for special dietary needs.)

**Cost: \$15/adults; \$7.50/kids ages 5-12; kids under 5 free**

Please sign up on the narthex bulletin board by **April 15th**. There, you can indicate the number in your family, whether you have any special dietary needs, or if you need a ride/have extra seating.

If you would like to extend your trip overnight (either Saturday or Sunday), rooms are available in Higgins Lodge to book at your leisure. Rooms in the Salem Wing are \$125/night Fri-Sat and \$75/night Sun-Thurs. Rooms in the Bishop Wing are \$90/night Fri-Sat and \$60/night Sun-Thurs.

Contact Karen Eagle, Guest Services at [guests@laurelridge.org](mailto:guests@laurelridge.org) to reserve.

**Pray Every Day April 2024**

1. Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Pray for the Teshes in Kenya and Ray of Hope.
2. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. Pray for peace in Ukraine.
3. I will sing of your love and justice; to you, O Lord, I will sing praise. Pray for the Raipur Foster Child Project.
4. Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry for help come to you. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford in Mexico.
5. Do not hide your face from me when I am in distress. Turn your ear to me; when I call, answer me quickly. Pray for Moravians in Honduras and Nicaragua.
6. Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Pray for the conflict in the Middle East.
7. The nations will fear the name of the Lord, all the kings of the earth will revere your glory. Pray for PEC members, bishops, and other church leaders.
8. The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. Pray for Adopt-a-Village in Tanzania.
9. The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. Pray for Moravians in Cuba and the Armando Rusindo Foundation.
10. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Pray for the Sineaths in Campus Outreach.
11. O Lord my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty. Pray for the Clinica Evangelica Morava in Ahuas.
12. May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the Lord. Pray for the Unity Women's Desk.
13. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Pray for Moravians in Peru.
14. Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord or fully declare his praise? Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS ministry.
15. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men. Pray for seminarians and candidates for ordination.
16. My heart is steadfast, O God; I will sing and make music with all my soul. Pray for City With Dwellings in Winston Salem.
17. I will praise you, O lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples. Pray for Safiatu Braima and Sierra Leone.
18. For great is our love, higher than the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
19. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and let your glory be over all the earth. Pray for short term mission teams.
20. Save us and help us with your right hand, that those you love may be delivered. Pray for the Harrisons with Greek Intervarsity.
21. With my mouth I will greatly extol the Lord; in the great throng I will praise him. For he stands at the right hand of the needy one, to save his life from those who condemn him. Pray for Anna Faircloth with YoungLife.
22. Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
23. He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. Pray for Alan and DeeDee lobst in France.
24. From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised. Pray for Charlie and Vicki Brent in Texas.
25. Not to us O Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness. Pray for Annie B Missions and Star Mountain.
26. I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live. Pray for Moravian churches in Czech Republic housing refugees.
27. Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. Pray for the Board of World Missions.
28. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent in Croatia.
29. I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done. Pray for Estamos Unidos Moravian Ministry.
30. Do good to your servant, and I will live; I will obey your word. Pray for Joey Yokeley with Fellowship of Christian Athletes.



## TALK WITH THE REV. SUE KOENIG OF MCNP

### VIEWS FROM HOLY LAND: REFLECTIONS AND CALL FOR ACTION

Learn more about the current crisis in the Middle East with The Rev. Sue Koenig, who recently returned from a Churches for Middle East Peace Executive Leaders' Trip to Palestine/Israel. Sue will share photos, a clip from a ceasefire prayer service broadcast from Jerusalem, stories, as well as impressions from visits with church leaders, government representatives, and peace and human rights activists in Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Ramallah in the West Bank.

*The Rev. Sue Koenig represents the Moravian Church in America on the Churches for Middle East Peace Board. She serves as Director of Racial Justice and Healing for the Moravian Church Northern Province, and as pastor of First Moravian Church in Easton, PA.*

Watch Video: <https://tinyurl.com/4fwh98es>



Join PHW and the Dementia Alliance of North Carolina for valuable advice and practical steps for faith communities to better support caregivers and those with dementia in their congregations and communities.

### EXPLORING DEMENTIA SUPPORT IN CONGREGATIONS

Join PHW and the Dementia Alliance of North Carolina for an informative webinar on ways that faith communities can support caregivers and those with dementia. Our guests will provide valuable and practical advice for congregations, as well as information on free trainings and other resources. Free registration, donations appreciated.

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/mr2fuwth>



### FIDDLE AND BOW'S FIRST CONCERT AT FMC A SUCCESS!

The New Potatoes' concert last Friday was a wonderful way to get a head start on St. Patrick's Day celebrations. Approximately 40 people, plus or minus a few, enjoyed the traditional Celtic music in OFH. The sponsoring organization, Fiddle and Bow, was also pleased with the turnout and the venue. They have asked us to reserve OFH for two future concerts, one on May 25 and another on September 27. When details with the performers are confirmed, we will share the information with the congregation!

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](mailto: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:**

**Art Sorensen**

[asorensen1959@gmail.com](mailto:asorensen1959@gmail.com)

336-407-2192

## 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.

*The bromeliads are given by Beth and Dalton McLean, and the palms and orchids are given by Gray and Barbara Styers, to the glory of God and in celebration of the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem.*

## HOLY WEEK: MARCH 24-MARCH 31

Join us in person, via Zoom, or on Facebook Live for worship as we journey with Jesus toward the Cross and the Resurrection.

Our week begins with Palm Sunday Worship (11:00am) and the singing of the much-loved "Hosanna" anthem.

Nightly readings (Sunday–Friday at 7:00pm) will tell the story of the final week of Christ's life through scripture and song. On Maundy Thursday evening, we will observe Holy Communion and on Good Friday, we will share a Lovefeast as part of our gathering.

On Easter Sunday, we will hold our Sunrise Service (7:00am) with brass band accompaniment, followed by a pancake breakfast in New Fellowship Hall for all. Traditional Worship will be held at 11:00am.

Holy Week services can be viewed live on Facebook or via ZOOM: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/205454336>

If you do not have a copy of the Readings for Holy Week manual at home, you can follow along with story and song in the digital copy found here: <https://tinyurl.com/yc52e9k7>

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Charles McKinney (thanksgiving for successful surgery and prayers for continued healing); Caroline Council (Covid recovery); Peggy Stocks (hospice care at Salemtowne Rehab); Betsy Cole (step-mother to Melissa Day, brain cancer diagnosis, prayers for recovery following surgery); Peyton Averitt; Gail Haworth (heart and breathing); Robert Wall (Mary Patton's brother, following brain bleed and fall); Gary Crist (Caroline Council's nephew, worsening ALS) and wife LaDonna; Bev Lozano (cataract surgery); Roger Thornton and family (father of Nancy Jackson's roommate Loretta, entered hospice care); 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).

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Peggy's address has been changed since last week. Please send mail to: Grace W. Stocks, Salemtowne Rehab Center, #8138, 1000 Salemtowne Dr., Winston-Salem, NC 27106.

Please send packages to: Grace W. Stocks, Salemtowne Rehab Center, #8138, 1460 Salemtowne Dr., Winston-Salem, NC 27106.

## FIRST MORAVIAN CHURCH STAFF

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## 2024 CHURCH BOARD

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