



United in Christ, Reaching Out with Love, Changing Lives

2025 WATCHWORD

The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow. Psalm 146:9

SUNDAY PREVIEW

“Lord, teach us to pray,” the disciples request of Jesus. This Sunday we’ll hear how Luke then shares the version of the Lord’s Prayer passed down to him. “Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.” Simple and to the point, but profound none the less. Jesus also has more to tell us about prayer.

Baseball Tonight. We may not all be members of “the Church of Baseball,” but our First Moravian Church family heads to First National Bank Field to cheer on the Grasshoppers tonight. Sure, it’s the dog days of summer and projected to be near 90 when the game starts, but as Walt Whitman wrote in the *Brooklyn Eagle* back in 1846, “Let us go forth awhile, and get better air in our lungs. Let us leave our close rooms.... The game of ball is glorious.”

If you’re not able to join us tonight, please make plans to attend the **Church retreat at Laurel Ridge October 24-26**. We’ll be asking folks to indicate their interest by making a deposit soon.

And don’t forget to order your Daily Texts for 2026 (see the last page of the newsletter or the email for the link).

Pastor Barbara

EXCITING THINGS ARE COMING! SAVE THE DATES!

Mark your calendars now and plan to join us for some wonderful upcoming events you won’t want to miss!

Congregational Picnic

Sunday, September 28,
10:00am-2:00pm
High Point City Lake Park
Shelter #8 (Yellow Pine)

Congregational Retreat

Friday, October 24 to
Sunday, October 26
at Laurel Ridge Camp &
Conference Center

Candle Tea

Friday, December 5th
(2:00-8:00pm) and
Saturday, December 6th
(10:00am-1:00pm)

CANDLE TEA 2025: AREA CHAIRS LUNCHEON ANNOUNCED (SUNDAY, AUGUST 3RD)

Candle Tea will be here before you know it and this year, the Women’s Fellowship is experimenting with a new strategy for organizing this beloved, yet enormous event: planning teams. In order to share and distribute the colossal responsibilities of the traditional Candle Tea Chair, a number of volunteers have agreed to serve on six different planning teams: Area Chair Coordinators, Vendor Coordinators, Area Chair/Planning Luncheon Organizers, Set-Up/Take-Down Team, Publicity/Printing Team, and Problem-Solver/Event Floater Team.

Candle Tea Area Chairs: Mark your calendars! Our annual Candle Tea Area Chairs Luncheon will be held Sunday, August 3, in NFH following worship. Please plan to attend this important planning meeting and report on your area’s needs.

SUNDAY, JULY 27

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Watchword for the Week: Lord, teach us to pray. Luke 11:1

Liturgist: Lydian Averitt

Liturgy: Reconciliation (pp. 13-17)

Scripture: Luke 11:1-13

July Joyful Noise: Armando Rusindo Mission Foundation

July 27 Usher Shirt Color: Pink

August 3 Usher Shirt Color: Hawaiian or Tropical

See page 2 for more upcoming shirt colors.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sun, July 27 Sunday School (9:45am)
Worship (11:00am, Sanctuary)
Church Board Meeting (4:00pm, Conf. Rm.)
Wed, July 30 Craft Group (2:00pm, Craft Rm.)
Praise Band (6:00pm, OFH)

Zoom Meeting ID: 205 454 336

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/205454336FMC>

JOYFUL NOISE: ARMANDO RUSINDO MISSION FOUNDATION

Joyful Noise Offering: So far, our congregation has donated \$466.16 for the Armando Rusindo Mission Foundation, an organization that works closely with Moravian brothers and sisters in Cuba to identify critical needs and to raise money to improve everyday lives and spread the word of God. The ARMF has helped install water purification systems; supported the building of fruit, vegetable and animal farms; supplied Christian education materials, hospital supplies, bicycles for pastors and sewing machines for women's projects; and provided disaster relief following hurricanes. Please consider a donation to help the Mission Committee raise at least \$500 to support this work among the Moravians in Cuba. Place your donations in the collection cans in the narthex each Sunday through the end of July or mail a donation to the church office.

Fill-the-Box: This month's emphasis is canned corn (low- or no-salt). Place your donations in the One Step Further wooden food collection box in the narthex on Sunday.

SUMMER USHER SHIRT COLORS

August 3 Hawaiian or Tropical

August 10 White

August 17 Green

August 24 Blue

August 31 Yellow

Watch this space for updates!



INDIGENOUS PEOPLES & MORAVIANS

A Celebration of Cultures

Admission is free!

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 9
1:30—4:30 P.M.**



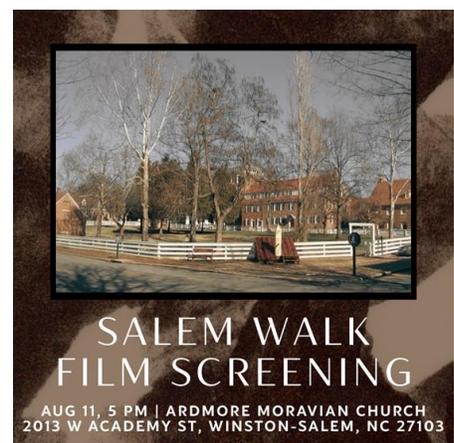
"THE SALEM WALK" SCREENING AT ARDMORE MORAVIAN CHURCH

Join the Moravian Team for Ethnic, Cultural and Racial Reconciliation as they present a video screening and discussion of "Salem Walks"—educational opportunities and engagement for racial justice.

The event will be held on August 11 at 5:00pm at Ardmore Moravian Church, 2013 W. Academy St. Winston Salem. Doors open at 4:45pm; the screening is from 5:00-6:30pm. Discussion will follow.

To reserve your free tickets online, visit:

<https://shorturl.at/xJPr9>



LAUREL RIDGE FALL FAMILY CAMP

SEPTEMBER 5-7, 2025

For Families of All Ages!

Adults \$65.00 ♦ Children (3+): \$40.00 ♦ Children under 3: FREE!

Register now at www.laurelridge.org

Volunteers are always welcome at Laurel Ridge! Visit <https://laurelridge.org/opportunities/> to learn more.

SUNDAY
AUG 17th

Moravian Children's
Festival and
Lovefeast

2:00-4:30 PM

This Little Light Of Mine

Experience the
Promise of
Christmas
in August

2:00 Festival with a variety of
games, service projects for local
schools, art, and science.

4:00 Lovefeast celebrating the
spiritual renewal of Moravian
children on August 17, 1727.

Service features the hymn
Morning Star, whose tune
was composed by Macedonia's
founding pastor Francis Hagen

Join us
at Macedonia
Moravian Church: 700
NC Highway 801 N
Advance,
NC
27006



PRAY EVERY DAY: JULY 2025

1. Be very strong; be careful to obey all that is written in the Book of the Law. Pray for Charlie and Vicki Brent in Texas.
2. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. Pray for Moravians in Peru.
3. Turn, O Lord, and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love. Pray for Moravians in Honduras and Nicaragua.
4. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, be pleasing in your sight. Pray for Joey Yokeley with Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
5. Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. Pray for the work of the Unity Women's Desk.
6. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Pray for the Harrisons with Greek InterVarsity.
7. You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble. Pray for the Board of World Mission.
8. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
9. But as for me and my household we will serve the Lord. Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS Ministry.
10. Do not repay evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. Pray for Moravian pastors, bishops and other church leaders.
11. We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield. Pray for Adopt A Village in Tanzania.
12. May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you. Pray for disaster relief volunteers.
13. Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford in Mexico.
14. I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart. Pray for the Clinica Evangelica Morava in Ahaus.
15. As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. Pray for the Rajpur Foster Child Project.
16. Rise up and help us; redeem us because of your unfailing love. Pray for Moravians in Labrador.
17. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Pray for seminarians and candidates for ordination.
18. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God. Pray for Pradhans in Nepal.
19. Therefore since we have been justified through faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Pray for short term mission teams.
20. If God is for us, who can be against us? Pray for refugees and displaced people.
21. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Pray for summer and mission camps and campers.
22. Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
23. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord God, my God, is with you. Pray for Annie B Missions and Star Mountain.
24. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. Pray for Alan and DeeDee Iobst in France.
25. You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Pray for Michael and Naomi Woo with OMF International.
26. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Pray for Moravians in Brazil and Bolivia.
27. He is good; his love endures forever. Pray for the Teshes in Kenya and Ray of Hope.
28. And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love. Pray for Anna Faircloth with YoungLife.
29. Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love. Pray for Moravians in Cuba and the Armando Rusindo Foundation.
30. Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! Pray for Safiatu Braima and Sierra Leone.
31. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Pray for Michael and Brenda in Croatia.

REMEMBER TO KEEP TRASH OUT OF THE RECYCLING CANS!



We have received two notices from the City of Greensboro that they have found non-recyclable materials in our recycling carts. Failure to comply with the city's recycling guidelines may result in the removal of our recycling carts by the city.

Please be sure to place only approved items in the brown recycling carts. All other waste should be deposited in the green trash bins.

Items to AVOID placing in the recycling carts include: bagged materials; glass bottles and jars; disposable plates, cups, utensils, napkins, and wipes; plastic bags, wrap, and film.

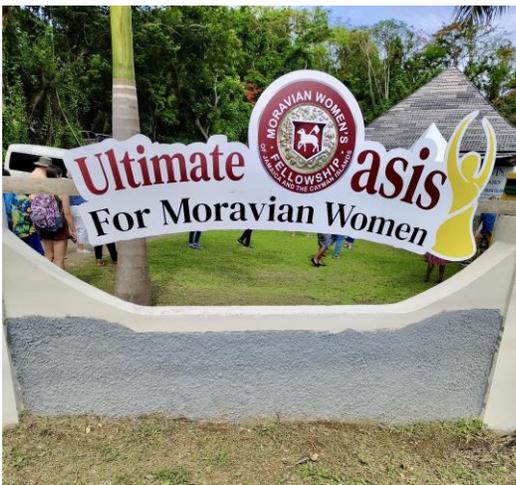
Thank you for your cooperation!

POSTCARD FROM THE CARIBBEAN: SISTER LUCILLE REFLECTS ON THE 14TH MORAVIAN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The 14th Moravian Women's Conference of June 22-28, 2025, was held aboard RCCL's *Oasis of the Seas*. I was able to fellowship and worship with sisters from 123 Moravian congregations. It was an unforgettable experience. Our theme, "Fashioned Focused Faithful," was taken from Psalm 119:73. Our theme hymn was "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky."

- ❖ **Monday:** Our first stop was A Perfect Day at Coco Cay, Bahamas in place of Labadee Island, Haiti. We had a tasty barbeque, different fruit juices, and ice cream. Many cooled off in the lagoons, some did water slides or zipline. A perfect day it was.
- ❖ **Tuesday:** Our featured speaker, Dr. Anique Elmes-Matthew, began her presentation, but the Holy Spirit had other ideas, turning her presentation into a powerful Holy Spirit healing service. Later that afternoon, we had Holy Communion. At 6pm there was a cocktail reception with everyone dressed up. One of two formal nights. Very nice.
- ❖ **Wednesday:** We were transported by busses from the port to the New Irwin Moravian Church, Falmouth, Jamaica to an island-themed Lovefeast of ginger beer, lemonade, and rock cakes (like a scone). We were welcomed by the New Generations Cultural Band. They were good. We received our program along with a sterile alcohol pad to clean our hands in anticipation of sharing our cake. The food and cultural experience in "the village" was a beautiful memory.
- ❖ **Thursday:** Dr. Elmes-Matthew continued her presentation highlighting women of the Bible, namely Eve, Tamar, Hannah, Esther, and the Samaritan woman. As we know, God uses anyone to fulfill His purpose. Our closing service was held later followed by a Cultural Affair where attendees were dressed in their cultural outfits and briefly described their islands. Attendees were recognized for being the youngest and oldest (91 years old), birthdays, number of conferences attended, first time cruisers, and drawing for a quilt.
- ❖ **Friday:** We arrived in Nassau, Bahamas along with three other cruise ships. There were a lot of us there.
- ❖ **Saturday:** We departed from Fort Lauderdale with lifelong memories, and new vigor to be focused and faithful to our Creator and His creation.

In His name,
Sister Lucille Samuel



New Irwin Moravian Church, Falmouth, Jamaica

“HOW THE GARDEN GROWS...” (AND THE NEED FOR SOME HELP!)

The good news:

1. Harvesting and deliveries are well underway. This week, we delivered to Urban Ministries: fresh herbs, Swiss chard, purple spinach, several quarts of green beans, yellow squash, radishes, lots of cucumbers, LOTS of okra, banana peppers, and jalapeño peppers.
2. We have picked probably over 2 bushels of green beans from the first planting (in just 2 boxes), and the second planting should be producing starting next week.
3. The okra, squash, and cucumber plants are looking really healthy because of all the rain.

The not-so-good news:

1. As some of you know, there are no tomatoes on the beautiful plants in Boxes 3A and 3B. They were all eaten by squirrels and chipmunks this year. (As Gray often says, the garden highlights the variables we can't control and keep us humble.)
2. The heavy rains have resulted in erosion of mulch between and alongside the boxes, and lots of weeds.

This past week, the last of the Swiss chard, the last of the green beans from the first planting, a few yellow squash and jalapeño peppers, and at least 5 lbs of cucumbers and okra were delivered to GUM this week.

We can always use help in the garden. If you or any friends or neighbors, or are interested in seeing and working in the garden, please join us. Contact Gray Styers (gstyers@foxrothschild.com) for information.



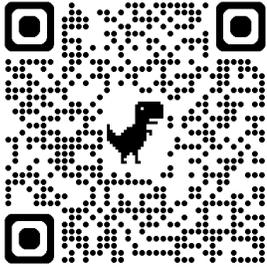
NEEDED: FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS AND VOLUNTEERS FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS

Help create a welcoming and meaningful worship experience by volunteering to serve as an usher, greeter, liturgist, or nursery shepherd, or dedicating one or two floral arrangements for our Sunday morning service. Sign up by using the online form <https://forms.gle/uTGj7pz8fpm8LBuXA>, calling or emailing the office, or using the paper sign-up in the narthex. Children are welcome to assist an adult and middle-school-aged youth and older are welcome to serve on their own as a greeter, usher, or a liturgist with instruction. See Pastor Barbara if you have questions.

Flower arrangements are \$38 each, with two arrangement slots available each Sunday. You can order flowers through the online sign-up for volunteers. If you are unable to submit your request through the volunteer form, please call the church office. Checks should be made payable to FMC with the memo “Chancel Flowers.” **If you do not receive an acknowledgment from the office that your request was received, please contact the office.**

UPCOMING SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS & FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Date	Greeters	Ushers	Liturgist	Nursery	Flower Dedications
July 27			Lydian Averitt		
Aug 3			Lauren Petersen		
Aug 10			Brooks Haworth		



IT'S TIME TO PRE-ORDER DAILY TEXTS!

To save on shipping and handling, you may pre-order through the church office and we will factor S&H costs proportionally. Pre-orders are due by Sunday, August 10; payment will be due upon arrival in November. Items, descriptions, and prices can be found on the pre-order form at the link in our Friday email, or by scanning the QR code in this article.

Please contact the church office if you need assistance.

PHOTO ESSAY

Tom Hauptert, the former director of the Moravian Archives in Winston Salem, is an amateur photographer par excellence. He recently shared his latest compilation for summer 2025. Most of his photos are of beautiful flowers, but there are always a few people and pets scattered throughout his collections. There is also a lovely photo of the East River, New York City this time. You can view his photos by scanning the QR code to the right.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Ann Curtis, 29th

Geoff Cass, 30th

Randy Price, 30th

Flora Lewis, 2nd

DO YOU NEED NURSERY CARE ON SUNDAY?

Contact the church office during the week, speak to an usher, or let Meredith know on Sunday morning!

EXTENDED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 27** Church Board Meeting (4:00pm, Conf. Rm)
- Aug 3** Candle Tea Area Chairs Luncheon (12:15pm, NFH)
- Aug 10** Church Board Meeting (4:00pm, Conf. Rm)
- Sept 1** Labor Day (Office Closed)
- Sept 7** Men's Fellowship Breakfast (8:30am, NFH)
- Sept 14** Day of Service (following worship)
Church Board Meeting (5:00pm, Conf. Rm)
- Sept 21** Mission Committee Meeting (12:15pm, OFH)
- Sept 28** Congregational Picnic (High Point City Lake Park)

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