



Moravian Minutes

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

January 25, 2026

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United in Christ, Reaching Out with Love, Changing Lives

2026 WATCHWORD

My dwelling place shall be over them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Ezekiel 37:27

DUE TO THE EXPECTED UNSAFE TRAVEL CONDITIONS ON SUNDAY,

SUNDAY WORSHIP ON JANUARY 25 IS CANCELLED.

Praying that everyone stays home, stays warm, and stays safe—and that we'll see each other next week!



*First Moravian is going to a
Gargoyles game!*



The Greensboro Gargoyles Ice Hockey at the Greensboro Coliseum

Sunday, March 1, at 3:00 pm

More details to follow!

A social outing organized by the Men's Fellowship

Family and friends are welcome!!

*** If you've never seen a hockey game live before, it's a lot of fun (and Dru or Gray or Keegan can provide an introductory orientation) !!!**

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, CHURCH OFFICE HOURS WILL BE

TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

9 AM TO 1 PM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Watchword for the Week: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27:1

Scripture readings for the day: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1,4-9
1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

January Joyful Noise: Honeybees (Heifer International).
Send your donations to the church office, to the attention
of Gay Cass. Indicate that the gift is for Joyful Noise.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

- Jan. 28 Praise Band (OFH, 6pm-7:30pm)
- Jan. 28 Choir Rehearsal (7:30pm-8:30pm)
- Feb. 1 Men's Fellowship Breakfast (NFH, 8:30am-9:45am)
- Feb. 1 Sunday School (Library, 9:45am)
- Feb. 1 Worship (Sanctuary, 11am)
- Feb. 1 Euterpe Music Club (Sanctuary and OFH) (2:30pm-5:30pm)



Candle Tea News

TABLECLOTH RETURN

Thanks to all who took green tablecloths home to launder following the Tea, but not all of them have returned. Please return clean, folded cloths to the Candle Tea Storage Room (beneath OFH) or place them on the blue tables in OFH kitchen, if you'd prefer not to navigate the stairs.

HELP US CLOSE OUT OUR 2025 BOOKS

Please help us close out Candle Tea 2025 by submitting all requests for reimbursement of Candle Tea expenses to Tori Small (Candle Tea Treasurer) **by February 1st**. You can email receipts to tsmall@wsaaeng.com. Call Tori at 336.558.5978 with any questions. Thanks!

DAY OF PRAYER SERVICES 2026

February 18, 11:00 AM. Home Moravian, Ash Wednesday, Speaker: The Rev. Virginia Hege (Ginny) Tobiassen. Coffee Fellowship at 10 am in the Parlor. The service will be available in person and live streamed on the Home Church Web page. Click on Live broadcasts to access the service. <https://www.homemoravian.org/index.php/live-broadcasts/>

February 22, 2:00 AM. Christ Moravian, Speaker: The Rev. Linda Seippel, Lovefeast.

February 25, 11:00 AM. Trinity Moravian, Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood. Lunch will be served after the service.

March 4, 11:00 AM. Ardmore Moravian, Speaker: The Rev. Craig Troutman. Refreshments will be served at 10:00 A.M. The service will be live streamed online: www.FACEBOOK.com/ArdmoreMoravian/videos

March 11, 11:00 AM. Fries Memorial Moravian, Speaker: The Rev. Angelica Regalado-Cieza. Coffee hour at 10 A.M. Service will be live streamed <https://www.youtube.com/@friesmemoralmoravianchurch4962>

March 18, 11:00 AM. Fairview Moravian, Speaker: The Rev. James Newsome. The service will include communion and will be available on YouTube and Facebook.

March 25, 11 AM. Konnoak Hills Moravian Church, Speaker: The Rev. Judy Knopf. Lovefeast. The service will be livestreamed at <http://www.khmoravian.org/> Select "YouTube Chanel" at the top.

March 29, Palm Sunday

April 5, Easter Sunday

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ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 18

The Sanctuary will be open from 7:00 -- 9:00am, 11:00am -- 1:00pm, and 5:00 -- 6:00pm for the imposition of ashes and personal prayer. At 6:30 pm, a brief Ash Wednesday worship service, which will include liturgy, hymns, and the imposition of ashes, will be held in the Sanctuary. Contact Pastor Barbara with any questions.

**JANUARY JOYFUL NOISE:
HONEYBEES THROUGH HEIFER INTERNATIONAL**

If you have not donated yet, send your check to the office next week, attention Gay Cass, and indicate in the memo line that the gift is for Joyful Noise/Honeybees.

We have collected \$324 toward our \$500 goal for January's Joyful Noise offering. All of the money you donate will be sent to Heifer International to purchase honeybees (\$30 per colony). As our congregation's beekeeper, Ron Small, told us, farmers can create income by selling beeswax, pollen and honey, but the real value of bees is in crop pollination – plants have been shown to produce more fruit and larger fruit when a healthy population of bees is present. Please remember to drop your contributions for this fundraiser in the collection cans in the narthex each Sunday, or send donations to the church office.

Fill the box: This month's emphasis is **honey**. Place your donations in the One Step Further wooden food collection box in the narthex on Sunday.

A REQUEST FROM FORSYTH JAIL AND PRISON MINISTRIES

Donations are requested for the annual Super Bowl Party for the men at the Cherry Street Prison which will take place on Sunday, February 8th. Chaplain Carter is asking individuals and or congregations to donate the following: chips and salsa, M&Ms, cookies and cakes (prepackaged - no home baked goods), sodas such as Coke, Diet Coke, Dr. Pepper, Ginger Ale. You may drop any items off at the Cherry Street Chapel Monday-Friday, 9-4pm. Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministries located at: Forsyth Correctional Center 307 Craft Drive, W-S, NC 336-759-0063

FROM THE 2026 SYNOD NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:

The nomination process for the 2026 Moravian Church Southern Province Synod is now open!

We are seeking individuals to serve in leadership positions including: Provincial Elders' Conference (3 clergy, 3 lay); Board of World Mission (1); Moravian Mission Society (12); School of Theology at Moravian University Board of Trustees (2); Provincial Women's Board (10).

All nominations must be submitted by January 26, 2026.

To nominate someone, complete the Provincial Board Candidate Recommendation Form:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NLZLM7S>

Candidates must also complete either the Provincial Board Candidate Information Form:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/38CYG7Y>

OR, for PEC, the PEC Candidate Information Form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/38Y8VZG>

For more information regarding the nomination process, scan the QR code



**You are invited to
the Annual Dinner!**

Sunday February 22nd, 2026 5:30-7:30

Union Cross Moravian Church

4295 High Point Rd

Winston Salem, NC 27107

To RSVP, click here: <https://tinyurl.com/3x5kwrce>

PRAY EVERY DAY: JANUARY 2026

1. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Pray for Charlie and Vicki Brent in Texas.
2. For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Pray for Anna Faircloth with Young Life Ministry.
3. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit whom he has given us. Pray for Moravians in Nicaragua.
4. But where sin increased grace increased call the more. Pray for Joey Yokeley with Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
5. Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Pray for the Unity Women's Desk.
6. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! Pray for the Harrisons with Greek InterVarsity.
7. We ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. Pray for the Board of World Mission.
8. That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
9. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS Ministry.
10. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Pray for PEC members, bishops and other church leaders.
11. Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Pray for Adopt A Village in Tanzania.
12. Do not repay evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. Pray for disaster relief volunteers.
13. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford in Mexico.
14. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. Pray for the Clinica Evangelica Morava in Ahuas.
15. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. Pray for the Rajpur Foster Child Project.
16. Love is patient, love is kind. Pray for Moravians in Alaska.
17. The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Pray for seminarians and candidates for ordination.
18. Always give yourselves full to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. Pray for the Blessings Flow project and clean water needs.
19. Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love. Pray for short term mission teams.
20. Therefore do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. Pray for Aaron and Amy Linville in Canada.
21. Therefore if anyone is in Christ; he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! Pray for Moravian churches in Jamaica and their recovery efforts.
22. You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
23. 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 Annie B Missions and Star Mountain.
24. Let him who boasts boast in the Lord. Pray for Alan and DeeDee lobst in France.
25. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Pray for Anthony's Plot community.
26. I no longer live but Christ lives in me. Pray for Michael and Naomi Woo with OMF International.
27. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. Pray for the Teshes in Kenya and Ray of Hope.
28. Let us not become weary in doing good. Pray for your local homeless shelter.
29. For we are God's workmanship, created in him to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Pray for Moravians in Cuba and the Armando Rusindo Foundation.
30. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Pray for Safiatu Braima and Sierra Leone.
31. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent in Croatia.

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>, or calling or emailing the office. Children are welcome to assist and 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. 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.**

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Evans Petersen III, January 28th

Barbara Styers, January 29th

EXTENDED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan 31 Church workday
- Feb 1 Men's Fellowship Breakfast (NFH, 8:30am)
- Feb 1 Euterpe Music Club (Sanctuary+OFH, 2:30pm-5:30pm)
- Feb 8 Church Board (Conf Rm, 12:30pm)
- Feb 8 Lindley Park Neighborhood Association Meeting (OFH, 2:00-4:00pm)
- Feb 17 Moravian Day of Giving (online, all day)
- Feb 18 Ash Wednesday (The Sanctuary will be open from 7:00-9:00am, 11:00am-1:00pm, and 5:00-6:00pm for imposition of ashes and silent prayer. There will be an evening service at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary.)
- Mar 1 Unity Prayer Day & Offering
- Mar 1 Gargoyles game (3:00pm, details TBD)

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.

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2026 CHURCH BOARD

Class of 2026

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