



*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

### CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON PRESIDENT'S DAY

President's Day is Monday, February 16, 2026, and the FMC Church office is closed.

*First Moravian is going to a Gargoyles game!*



## *The Greensboro Gargoyles Ice Hockey at the Greensboro Coliseum*

Sunday, March 1, at 3:00 pm / Tickets = \$10

The deadline for tickets/reservations  
is Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>

**A social outing organized by the Men's Fellowship**

**Family and friends are welcome!!**

\* Payment and reservations should be made by Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> in order to ensure a seat on the reserved block. Ticket payment may be given to Gray Styers, Barbara Styers, or to the church office.

### FLOWER DEDICATION

The sanctuary flowers this week are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Peyton Averitt's birthday by his parents, Lydian and Phil; and by his sister and brother-in-law, Caroline and Brandon.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026**

**LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

**Watchword for the Week:** God said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" Matthew 17:5

**Liturgist:** Gray Styers

**Liturgy:** Adoration (pp. 18-24)

**Scripture:** 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

**February Sunday Stampede:** Children's books (Family Support Network)

### HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Feb. 15 Sunday School (Library, 9:45am)

Feb. 15 Worship (Sanctuary, 11am)

Feb. 17 Moravian Day of Giving (online, all day)

Feb. 18 Ash Wednesday (The Sanctuary will be open from 7am-9am, 11am-1pm, and 5pm-6pm for imposition of ashes and silent prayer. There will be an evening service at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary)

Feb. 18 Praise Band (OFH, 6pm-7:30pm)

Feb. 18 Choir Rehearsal (7:30pm)

**Zoom Meeting ID:** 205 454 336

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

## FEBRUARY SUNDAY STAMPEDE: COLLECTING CHILDREN'S BOOKS FOR FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORK

We have started a small collection of children's books in the narthex, but we need more. During the month of February, the Mission Committee will collect children's books to benefit the Family Support Network of Central Carolina (FSNCC), a local nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide support, education, and caring connections to those who have a child with a disability, special healthcare needs, or who have experienced a NICU stay. FSNCC envisions every child having a thriving family and is committed to fostering an inclusive, diverse, and equitable community. First Moravian Church will support FSNCC by collecting donations for their "Books for Babies" program. FSNCC delivers books to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) families twice a month. Reading to babies, even at this young age, helps with bonding, comfort, increased vocabulary, cognitive stimulation, and more restful sleep! The benefits are endless, and parents are establishing an amazing habit that will nurture their child for years to come. New children's books – especially board books for babies – are perfect donations. FSNCC is also happy to accept monetary donations that will support the Books for Babies program and other services at [www.fsncc.org](http://www.fsncc.org). Please bring your contributions each Sunday and place them in the little red wheelbarrow in the narthex. Cash donations may be placed in the collection cans in the narthex, or you may send your check to the church office, attention Gay Cass, and indicate in the memo line that the gift is for Joyful Noise/Children's Books.

A celebration: Our congregation donated \$499.10 during January for Heifer International, which is enough to purchase nearly 17 colonies of bees for smallholder farmers working to address hunger and poverty in their communities while caring for the Earth. Each \$30 donation covers the cost of honeybees, a hive, a bee box, and beekeeper training. Beehives can double fruit and vegetable yields of small farms, Heifer International says. Thank you for your support.

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

### **SPRING '26 SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT**

**Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

The Retreat at Laurel Ridge is open to all women of the Southern Province. On-line Registration:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSePrZTixVVVH5zVDTjVbWfDt6Cz04TXxyiXFJxz1Z7LUFJdA/viewform?usp=header>

### **ONE WEEK LEFT!**

### **2026 SYNOD NOMINATIONS**

### **CLOSE FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>**

**THIS IS YOUR FINAL WEEK TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AT THE 2026 SYNOD**

- **Provincial Elders' Conference (3 clergy, 3 lay)**
- Board of World Mission (1)
- Moravian Mission Society (12)
- School of Theology Board (2)
- Provincial Women's Board (10)

To nominate someone, complete the Provincial Board Candidate Recommendation form at:

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/NLZLM7S](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NLZLM7S)



### **6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MORAVIAN DAY OF GIVING -- FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>**

Join Moravians from across our community in supporting the ministries that matter most to you. Whether it's your local congregation, a beloved camp, or a Moravian ministry organization close to your heart, your generosity will create real impact.

**Top Donor Award:** The six churches or organizations with the highest number of individual donors will each receive \$2,026.

**Field of Interest Fund Matching:** All gifts to MMFA Field of Interests Funds will be matched up to \$2,026 per fund.

Be sure to mark your calendar and join us in strengthening ministry through shared generosity!

More information is available on the Moravian Ministries Foundation website: <https://www.mmfa.com/moravian-day-of-giving-2026/>

## 2026 LENTEN WORSHIP AND PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES



### 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.

### WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

Each Wednesday during Lent, our Sanctuary will be open for contemplative prayer from noon to 1:00pm and 5:00 to 6:00pm. A short (10 minute) prayer liturgy led by Pastor Barbara will conclude each time of prayer.



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## DAY OF PRAYER SERVICES



MARCH 29, PALM SUNDAY  
APRIL 5, EASTER SUNDAY

**February 18, 11 A.M.** 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 P.M.** Christ Moravian, Speaker: The Rev. Linda Seippel, Lovefeast.

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

**March 4, 11 A.M.** 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](http://www.facebook.com/ArdmoreMoravian/videos)

**March 11, 11 A.M.** Fries Memorial Moravian, Speaker: The Rev. Angelica Regalado-Cieza. Coffee hour at 10 A.M. Service will be live streamed <https://www.youtube.com/@friesmemorialmoravianchurch4962>

**March 18, 11 A.M.** Fairview Moravian, Speaker: The Rev. James Newsome. The service will include communion and will be available on YouTube and FaceBook.

**March 25, 11 A.M.** 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.

### CARPOOL TO

### DAY OF PRAYER SERVICES

Join friends from First Moravian as we carpool to the Provincial Day of Prayer Services each week at area Moravian churches. We will depart from the FMC parking lot one hour before scheduled activities begin (e.g., depart at 9:00am for a 10:00am coffee hour).

Contact Meredith Cohoon (336.312.1322) for more information or to arrange a ride.

## UNITY PRAYER DAY AND OFFERING— MARCH 1

On March 1, the worldwide Moravian Church (the Unitas Fratrum), founded in 1457, celebrates its 569th birthday! We will mark this celebration during worship on Sunday, March 1, as the first Sunday in March is designated as a Day of Prayer for the Unity. In addition, we will take up an offering for a cause chosen by the Unity in honor of its birthday. This year, the Unity is asking for donations to benefit the **Moravian Unity Heritage Foundation (MUCHF)**.

Special envelopes for the Unity Prayer Day Offering will be included in the bulletin. To contribute, place cash or check (payable to FMC with "Unity" in the memo line) in the envelope and drop it in the offering plate during the regular collection. You may also mail a check (payable to First Moravian with "Unity" in the memo) to the church office

*Information on this year's offering from Rev. Dr. Jørgen Bøytler, Unity Board Administrator:*

**The purpose of the Moravian Unity Heritage Foundation (MUCHF) is supporting preservation projects of historical buildings and other structures considered cultural heritage, belonging to the Moravian Church around the Unity.**

The Unity Synod 2016 passed a resolution directing a Moravian Unity Cultural Heritage Foundation (MUCHF) to be established. The Moravian Church is a living and vibrant part of the body of Christ. We are a Church Communion with 300 years of history. From the beginning, our Moravian forefathers erected buildings for worship and settlements and mission stations, in which Moravians dwelled and developed the Moravian way of life, liturgy. The structures were tangible signs of the Moravian Church witness to the world.

Many Moravian provinces today have properties including settlements, mission stations, church buildings etc. dating back to the 18th Century and later, which are considered cultural heritage of historical and sociological importance. As a sign of the significance of Moravian Church Cultural Heritage, the settlements of Bethlehem (Pennsylvania), Christiansfeld (Denmark), Gracehill (Northern Ireland), and Herrnhut (Germany) have been named UNESCO World Heritage. Several other settlements, mission stations and church buildings are considered Cultural Heritage.

The Moravian building culture and Moravian architecture are part of the heritage of our faith; and have been proven to be extraordinarily important to maintain, and valuable for society far beyond the limits of the Moravian constituency.

The provinces and congregations face challenges in restoring, maintaining, and revitalizing some of the structures due to financial constraints, due to lack of architectural staff, lack of sufficient knowhow concerning historic craftsmanship, conservation principles, national conservation legislation, possible avenues of funding, and knowledge of experience from other provinces concerning restoration issues of Moravian buildings.

The **Moravian Cultural Heritage Foundation** has now been established as a **Unity Undertaking**, and is governed by a Board, consisting of Moravian sisters and brothers from various parts of the Unity, appointed by Unity Synod 2023. To fulfill its purpose, MUCHF needs to do as follows:

Hire an administrator, who on behalf of the MUCHF Board will work on:

- Identifying internal Moravian and external national and international funding sources and making efforts to establish working capital.
- Identifying and assembling a group of international experts in Moravian Architecture, Church History, restoration, historic craftsmanship, cultural heritage management and other relevant subjects to offer guidance and advice to the provinces.
- Establishing a central register of structures to be considered as cultural heritage within the Unity.

**The Unity Prayer Day Offering 2026 will enable MUCHF to hire an administrator, who will start working for the benefit of the Moravian Church Cultural Heritage around the world.**



**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: FEBRUARY 2026

1. Stop doing wrong, learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent in Croatia.
2. The Lord Almighty has sworn, 'Surely as I have planned, so it will be, and as I have purposed, so it will stand.' Pray for Charlie and Vicki Brent in Texas.
3. You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you. Pray for the government leaders in our country.
4. In that day the Lord Almighty will be a glorious crown, a beautiful wreath for the remnant of his people. Pray for Safiatu Braima and Sierra Leone.
5. Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. Pray for the Moravians in Peru.
6. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him! Pray for Moravians in Cuba and the Armando Rusindo Foundation.
7. For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king, it is he who will save us. Pray for Moravians in Honduras and Nicaragua.
8. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow. Pray for the Teshes in Kenya and Ray of Hope Orphanage.
9. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Pray for Joey Yokeley and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
10. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. Pray for those without housing and homeless.
11. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Pray for the Unity Women's Desk.
12. So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. Pray for Anna Faircloth with YoungLife.
13. I will strengthen and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Pray for Dusty and Christin Harrison with Greek Intervarsity.
14. Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight. Pray for Alan and DeeDee lobst in France.
15. Fear not for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. Pray for the Board of World Mission.
16. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth. Pray for Annie B Missions and Star Mountain.
17. The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
18. Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. Pray for Michael and Naomi Woo with OMF International.
19. Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
20. But blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS Ministry.
21. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. Pray for continued recovery from natural disasters.
22. I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. Pray for Adopt A Village in Tanzania.
23. Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford in Mexico.
24. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. Pray for the Rajpur Foster Child Project.
25. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. Pray for PEC members, bishops and other church leaders.
26. The ways of the Lord are right; the righteous walk in them, but the rebellious stumble in them. Pray for the Clinica Evangelica Morava in Ahaus.
27. He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. Pray for seminarians and candidates for ordination.
28. This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. Pray for Moravians in Brazil and Bolivia.

### **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.**

**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, CHURCH OFFICE HOURS WILL BE  
TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 9 AM TO 1 PM**

### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Gay Cass, 17<sup>th</sup>  
Will Powell, 18<sup>th</sup>

Mary Dillon, 17<sup>th</sup>  
Meredith Cohoon, 20<sup>th</sup>

Sarah Post, 18<sup>th</sup>  
Janice Meris-Oliver, 20<sup>th</sup>

### **EXTENDED CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Feb 17 Moravian Day of Giving (online, all day)
- Feb 18 Ash Wednesday (The Sanctuary will be open from 7am-9am, 11am-1pm, and 5pm-6pm for imposition of ashes and silent prayer. There will be an evening service at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary.)
- Feb. 22 Sunday School (Library, 9:45am)
- Feb. 22 Worship (Sanctuary, 11am)
- Feb. 25 Praise Band (OFH, 6pm-7:30pm)
- Feb. 25 Choir Rehearsal (7:30pm)
- March 1 Unity Prayer Day & Offering
- March 1 Gargoyles Hockey Game (3pm, details TBD)
- March 10 Friendship Circle (OFH, 11:30am-1pm)

### **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.

### **FIRST MORAVIAN CHURCH STAFF**

**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday, 9:00am-1:00pm; (336) 272-2196; [office@greensboromoravian.org](mailto:office@greensboromoravian.org)

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### **2026 CHURCH BOARD**

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