



*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

### SUNDAY PREVIEW

This Sunday we welcome Mariel Rose, who joins the congregation through the sacrament of baptism. Her Fellowship Friend (or sponsor) is Marian Carter, who has been helping Mariel learn about the Moravian Church and our congregation. Welcome Mariel and thank you, Marian!

Gray and I want to thank our friend, Martin Brinkley, for participating in our service. I hope you will enjoy the special music this Sunday!

We also welcome Cheryl Brandberg, Associate Executive Director of Community Housing Solutions (CHS), who will be speaking at the service about the Joyful Noise campaign that runs through the end of March. Gray Styers will introduce her and tell us about the church-wide community service project, sponsored by Men's Fellowship, doing light construction work for CHS.

Save the Dates: Holy Week Readings Sunday-Wednesday, March 29-April 1, begin at 7:00pm in OFH. Soup and Salad Supper will be available prior to the readings from 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm in OFH. Maundy Thursday Communion and readings (April 2<sup>nd</sup>) and Good Friday Lovefeast and readings (April 3<sup>rd</sup>) begin at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. (No supper on Thursday or Friday.)

### SAVE THE DATE FOR CANDLE TEA

Save the Dates: Candle Tea will be held on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, from 3 pm – 8 pm and again Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am – 2 pm. As a reminder, volunteers are also needed for clean up duties after the event on Saturday (2pm – 4pm)

### SPECIAL MUSIC – MARCH 8 DURING 11:00AM WORSHIP

You don't want to miss the 11:00am worship service (music beginning at 10:45am) today. We will again be joined by pianist and oboist extraordinaire Martin Brinkley. You may remember when Martin blessed us with his music two years ago. He will be accompanying the choir's performance of John Rutter's The Lord is My Shepherd, and Justin's singing of "Qui tollis peccata mundi," ("You Take away the Sins of the World") from Johann Sebastian Bach's Mass in g Minor. The prelude (beginning at 10:45) and postlude will be the three movements of Mozart's Piano Sonata in D Major for four hands (with a surprise duet pianist). For his day job, Martin is a professor (and former Dean) of the UNC School of Law. His oboe instructor is Keisuke Wakao, oboist with the Boston Symphony Orchestra and the Boston Pops.

### FLOWER DEDICATION

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Martin Brinkley, Jane McKinney, Ann Curtis, and everyone who contributes to the ministry of music at First Moravian Church by Gray and Barbara Styers

### SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

**Watchword for the Week:** O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! Psalm 95:6

**Liturgist:** Dalton McLean

**Liturgy:** Lent (insert); Liturgy for Baptism (pp.165-169)

**Scripture:** John 4:5-42

**Joyful Noise for March:**

### HAPPENING THIS WEEK

March 10 Friendship Circle (OFH, 11:30am-1pm)

March 11 The Sanctuary will be open for private contemplative prayer from noon to 1:00pm and 5:00 to 6:00pm. A brief prayer liturgy will conclude each time of prayer.

Praise Band (6:00 - 7:30pm, OFH)

Choir Rehearsal (7:30pm, Sanctuary)

March 12 Personnel Committee (6:30pm, on-line)

**Zoom Meeting ID:** 205 454 336

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

### MARCH JOYFUL NOISE: COMMUNITY HOUSING SOLUTIONS

Our Joyful Noise offering during the month of March will benefit Community Housing Solutions. The Mission Committee hopes to collect \$500 (or more) to be used by Men's Fellowship, which is planning a building project for the agency in the coming months. Please bring your coins and dollar bills to add to the collection cans in the narthex each Sunday.

**Fill the box:** This month's emphasis is **breakfast bars**. Place your donations in the One Step Further wooden food collection box in the narthex on Sunday or in the plastic bin on the back porch of the Moravian House at other times.

### MEMBER UPDATES

*New address for Gail Haworth:*

Friends Homes West  
6100 W. Friendly Ave.  
Healthcare—N18  
c/o Gail Haworth  
Greensboro, NC 27410

*New address for Ron and Gerry Reynolds:*

Terra Bella Assisted Living-Asheboro  
2925 Zoe Parkway  
Asheboro, NC 27205

Ron's cell phone number: (336) 580-7910

### SEEKING READERS FOR HOLY WEEK SERVICES: YOU'RE INVITED!

Help bring the Passion story to life! First Moravian's Holy Week services will be held Sunday through Friday, March 29–April 3, at 7:00pm. We will need three readers each evening to present dramatic readings (Narrator, Jesus, Other Voices).

Please indicate all evenings that you are available to read. A schedule will be published by March 22 and parts will be distributed to preview. Thank you!

Sign-up link: <https://tinyurl.com/3jyff4rf>

### LOST AND FOUND

A family of three water bottles--two boys (blue) and one girl (pink)--showed up in the sanctuary after the service on Sunday, February 22nd. They were found on the left side of the sanctuary (looking in from the front doors), 4th row from the back. If you, or anyone you love, are missing water bottles, please contact the church office.

### SPRING '26 SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT

The Provincial Women's Board Provincial Retreat at Laurel Ridge is open to all women of the Southern Province.

Contact the Provincial Women's Board for more information: (336) 722-4911 or [PWBMCSP@gmail.com](mailto:PWBMCSP@gmail.com).

THE PROVINCIAL WOMEN'S BOARD PRESENTS:  
**Spring '26 Spiritual Life Retreat**  
@ Laurel Ridge

**LIVING the Sanctified Life**

Friday, April 24th - Sunday, April 26th

**\*\*Registration deadline: March 24, 2026\*\***

Retreat Facilitator:  
*Traci Fisher*

## 2026 LENTEN WORSHIP AND PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES



### WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

Each Wednesday during Lent, the First Moravian 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.

## 2026 DAY OF PRAYER SERVICES



MARCH 29, PALM SUNDAY  
APRIL 5, EASTER SUNDAY

**March 4, 11:00 AM.** Ardmore Moravian, Speaker: The Rev. Craig Troutman. Refreshments will be served at 10:00 AM. The service will be live streamed online:

[www.facebook.com/ArdmoreMoravian/videos](http://www.facebook.com/ArdmoreMoravian/videos)

**March 11, 11:00 AM.** Fries Memorial Moravian, Speaker: The Rev. Angelica Regalado-Cieza. Coffee hour at 10:00 AM. Service will be live streamed at

<https://www.youtube.com/@friesmemorialmoravianchurc4962>

**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.

### CARPOOL TO DAY OF PRAYER SERVICES

Join friends from First Moravian and 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.

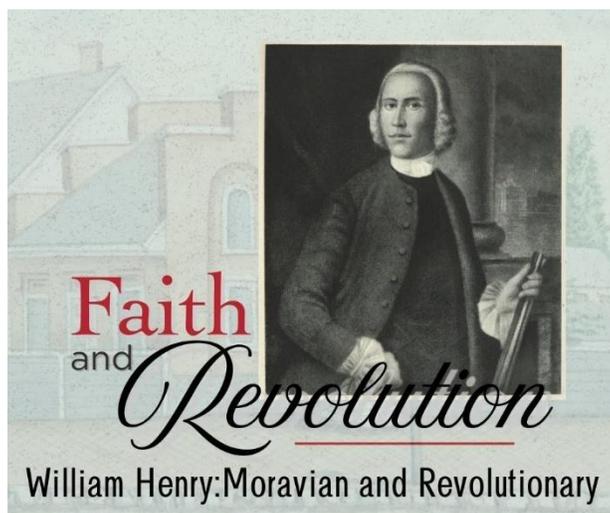
### NEW BLOG SERIES FROM THE MORAVIAN ARCHIVES: FAITH AND REVOLUTION

With the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence approaching, the Archives created a new blog series highlighting collection materials which speak to Moravians and the Revolutionary War. The second post in series is now available:

#### ***Faith and Revolution #2:***

#### ***William Henry - Moravian and Revolutionary***

As the American Revolution grew, the leadership of the Moravian Church strove to minimize their involvement and the conflict's impact on their members and communities. However, some individual Moravians nevertheless chose to take a side. Learn how a Moravian merchant became an important figure in the Colonial forces in this second in a series of monthly posts on the Moravians and the Revolutionary War.



Read the post at <https://tinyurl.com/ek6z6nu8>.

## GREAT SABBATH SINGERS WANTED

### SERVICE OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP ON SATURDAY, APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

Under the direction of Amanda Schumpert, with Mary Louise Kapp Peebles as organist, the Great Sabbath Chorus will present a **Great Sabbath Service of Music and Worship on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

Chorus rehearsals begin on Sunday, February 22 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Home Moravian Church. Sunday afternoon rehearsals will continue on March 1, 8, 15, and 22 and on Friday, March 27, at 7:00 pm.

Singers from all our churches are encouraged to sing. Community singers are also invited. The music this year will include Great Sabbath anthems and hymns. Interested singers should email Ted Leinbach at [tedleinbach@aol.com](mailto:tedleinbach@aol.com).

# Music on the Mountain

March 13-15, 2026  
Higgins Lodge, Laurel Ridge

an opportunity to make music together, to worship, to learn, and to enjoy fellowship in a casual mountain setting with cozy accommodations and delicious meals included.

Participate in  
**BAND or CHOIR**  
or just come along to listen

Relax, Refresh,  
and Remind Yourself of  
God's Grace Through Music

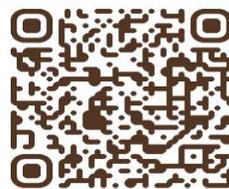
Band Leader - Danny Green  
Choir Leader - Nancy Sawtelle  
Collaborative Piano - Sara M. Wood  
Devotions - Rev. Reed Lawson  
Children - Chris Ogburn, Darla Earnest

Families welcome! Program of children's music and activities.  
No registration fee for 17 and under.

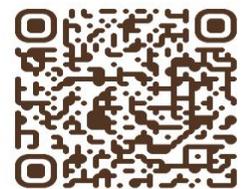
Scholarship funds available.

Questions to [erik@moravianmusic.org](mailto:erik@moravianmusic.org)  
or 336-725-0651

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or find the link and more info at  
[www.moravianmusic.org](http://www.moravianmusic.org)

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, UNITAS FRATRUM!

Although Jan Hus, martyred in 1415, inspired the founding of the Unitas Fratrum, the actual founding took place 40 years after his death. The worldwide Moravian Church, officially known as the Unitas Fratrum or Unity of Brethren, was founded on March 1, 1457. Gregory the Patriarch, considered the founder of Unitas Fratrum, gathered a small group of like-minded Christians in the village of Kunvald, about 100 miles east of Prague, in eastern Bohemia, and organized the church.

According to Gregory, what made a Christian was not doctrine or what he or she believed, but that a person lived his or her life according to the teachings of Jesus Christ. He described these first Moravians as “people who have decided once and for all to be guided only by the gospel and example of our Lord Jesus Christ and his holy apostles in gentleness, humility, patience, and love for our enemies.” (Rican, *History of the Unity*).

Adapted from <https://www.moravian.org/2018/07/a-brief-history-of-the-moravian-church/>

## DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE WORK OF THE UNITY AND COLLECTION OF A SPECIAL OFFERING

On the first Sunday of March every year, the founding of the Unity is celebrated with a Day of Prayer and a special offering for the work of the Unity. This year, the Unity is asking for donations to hire an administrator for the **Moravian Unity Heritage Foundation (MUHF)**, which was established as a **Unity Undertaking** by Unity Synod in 2016. MUHF is governed by a Board consisting of Moravians from various parts of the Unity who have been appointed by Unity Synod 2023. *(To contribute, place cash or check (payable to FMC with “Unity” in the memo line) in the special donation envelope inserted in the bulletin and drop it in the offering plate during the regular collection. You may also make an online donation or mail a check (payable to First Moravian with “Unity” in the memo) to the church office.)*

From the beginning, our Moravian forebears erected buildings for worship, as well as settlements and mission stations in which Moravians lived and developed the Moravian way of life and worship. These structures were tangible signs of the Moravian Church’s witness to the world. The Moravian Unity Heritage Foundation (MUHF) supports the preservation of these historic buildings and other structures belonging to the Moravian Church around the world; they are considered part of our—and the world’s—cultural heritage.

Today, many Moravian provinces have properties—including settlements, mission stations, and church buildings—dating from the 18<sup>th</sup> century and later that are recognized for their historical and sociological significance. Moravian building culture and architecture are part of our heritage of faith. They have proven to be extraordinarily important to maintain and valuable to society far beyond the Moravian constituency. As a sign of their global significance, the settlements of **Bethlehem**, **Christiansfeld** (Denmark), **Gracehill** (Northern Ireland), and **Herrnhut** have been named UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Several other settlements, mission stations, and church buildings are also recognized as part of our cultural heritage.

Provinces and congregations face significant challenges in restoring, maintaining, and revitalizing some of these structures due to financial constraints and limited access to architectural expertise, historic craftsmanship, conservation principles, national preservation legislation, funding opportunities, and shared knowledge from other provinces regarding restoration of Moravian buildings.

To fulfill its mandate, MUHF needs to hire an administrator who, on behalf the MUHF Board, will:

- Identify internal Moravian and external national and international funding sources and work to establish operating capital.
- Assemble a network of international experts in Moravian architecture, church history, restoration, historic craftsmanship, cultural heritage management, and related fields to provide guidance and support to the provinces.
- Establish and maintain a central register of structures within the Unity that are to be recognized as cultural heritage.

**Your gift to support the work of the Unity on March 1 will help cover start-up costs associated with hiring an administrator to carry out this important work. Please make your check payable to FMC and write “Unity” in the memo line.**

## MORAVIAN UNESCO CULTURAL HERITAGE SITES



### **Gracehill, Northern Ireland, UK**

Gracehill is a planned Moravian Church settlement in County Antrim, Northern Ireland, UK, established in 1759 to introduce Moravian theology and philosophy into a different cultural and rural landscape. The size and placement of Gracehill's Congregation Store indicates the centrality of trade in the socio-economic function of Moravian Church settlements. As one of the four major Moravian settlements in the British Isles, Gracehill stands out as the sole settlement in the British Moravian Province constructed in a traditional continental grid plan. This design features a central square and a unique 'gender axis,' a concept introduced during the post-Zinzendorf era after 1760. The key Moravian structures are thoughtfully arranged around this central green space. The church, commanding a central position, faces a park-like square and offers a picturesque view of the River Maine through the square's open eastern side—a vista that remains admired today.

Gracehill is historically renowned for its principles of religious and political tolerance, neutrality, and reconciliation, first manifesting significantly during the 'United Irishmen Rebellion' of 1798. Additionally, the settlement is noted for its impactful missionary work in the Caribbean.

Today, Gracehill continues to host an active congregation and preserves its original architecture, which harmoniously blends the Moravian Church style with regional Georgian design.



### **Christiansfeld, Denmark**

The 18th century settlement of Christiansfeld in South Jutland is an exceptional example of a Moravian Church planned colony settlement, which reflects the Moravian Church's societal and ethical ideals. Founded in 1773, it was built as a colony of the Moravian Church... The town presents an intact and well-preserved collection of buildings, oriented along two tangential east-west streets surrounding the Church Square and integrates a cemetery placed outside of the town. The town reflects the Moravian Church's societal structure, characterized by large communal houses for the congregation's widows and unmarried men and women. The architecture is homogenous and unornamented, with one- and two-story buildings in yellow brick and with red tile roofs. The proportions, materials, and craftsmanship contribute to the town's special atmosphere of peace and harmony. The Moravian Church settlement of Christiansfeld bears an exceptional testimony to the Brethren's principles, which are expressed in the town's layout, architecture and craftsmanship.



**Above:** Gemeinhaus, Bethlem.

**Left:** Herrnhut: View from Comenius Street southwest to the rear of the church in Zinzendorf Square, with the Widows' House on the right.

**Top left:** The church at Gracehill, Northern Ireland.

**Top Right:** Museum Kolding in Christiansfeld, Denmark.

## PRAY EVERY DAY: MARCH 2026

- c 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 Moravian churches and ministries in Brazil.
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.
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 God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing 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, Honduras.
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 you 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 Orphanage.
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 refugees all over the world.
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 Michael and Naomi Woo with OMF International.
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 and ministries to the homeless in your area.
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 Intersarsity.
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 Iobst 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 and their mission partners.
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.

### 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

Lauren Peterson, 9<sup>th</sup>  
Heather Mitchell, 13<sup>th</sup>

Graham McCandless, 10<sup>th</sup>  
Steve Wilson, 13<sup>th</sup>

Amy Millikan, 10<sup>th</sup>

### EXTENDED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 18 Our Sanctuary will be open for contemplative prayer from noon--1:00pm and 5:00-- 6:00pm.
- March 25 Our Sanctuary will be open for contemplative prayer from noon--1:00pm and 5:00-- 6:00pm.
- March 29 Palm Sunday Holy Week Readings (OFH, 7:00pm)
- Mon-Wed, Soup & Salad Supper (6:00pm-6:45pm)
- Mar 30-Apr 1 Holy Week Readings (OFH, 7:00pm)
- Thurs, Apr 2 Maundy Thursday Communion and Holy Week Readings (Sanctuary, 7:00pm)
- Fri, Apr 3 Good Friday Lovefeast and Holy Week Readings (Sanctuary, 7:00pm)
- Sun, Apr 5 Easter Sunrise Service (front of church, 7:00am)  
Traditional Easter Morning (Sanctuary, 11:00am)

### 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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