



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

For a limited engagement! This Sunday only!

Selections from

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR and Other Easter-Related Classics

Presented by the Chancel Choir and Praise Band

11:00am Worship

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 (7:15pm on Wednesday). 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>

FMC PRESENTS A LENTEN SERVICE:

MUSIC OF *JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR* AND OTHER EASTER-RELATED CLASSICS

Once again, the Chancel Choir and Eleven O'Clock Rock Praise Band will perform selected music of *Jesus Christ Superstar* and other Easter-related classics during the 11:00 o'clock Sunday service on March 22nd in observance of the Lenten season, anticipating Easter. The music from *Jesus Christ Superstar*, a rock opera written by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, is challenging for both the Choir and the Praise Band, but allows for modern elements of rock, light jazz, and pop to express moments musically of the last days of Christ.

Those of us who were living in 1971 when *Jesus Christ Superstar* premiered can recall its fresh approach to a staged musical and its compelling and revolutionary rock music. It was controversial at the time mainly depending on various interpretations. The March performance is very interactive with the Congregation as the audience and places Christ at the center of our endeavors. The Congregation seemed to enjoy the music last year and we think they will again. We hope you will plan to attend. -- Jane McKinney

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Watchword for the Week: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope. Psalm 130:5

Joyful Noise for March: Community Housing Solutions

No liturgy or regular Scripture readings. Instead, a special worship service with selections from *Jesus Christ Superstar* and other Easter-themed classics.

The service will be Zoomed, but will not be recorded for the public or made available on Facebook

Zoom Meeting ID: 205 454 336

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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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| Sunday | Sunday School (9:45am, Library) |
| March 22 | Chancel Choir and Praise Band Worship Service: <i>Jesus Christ Superstar</i> (Sanctuary, 11am) |
| Wednesday | Day of Prayer: Konnoak Hills (Lovefeast). |
| March 25 | Meet at 10am to carpool to the 11am Service. Candle Tea Crafters (2pm-3pm, NFH, Craft Rm) |
| Saturday | Greensboro New School Tiny Farmers Market |
| March 28 | Plant & Craft Sale (parking lot, 10am to 1pm) |

MARCH JOYFUL NOISE: COMMUNITY HOUSING SOLUTIONS

Joyful Noise offering: We have collected \$257.55 so far for Men's Fellowship to apply toward their April 11 volunteer project for Community Housing Solutions. As Cheryl Brandberg, associate executive director of CHS, told us, the agency's goal is to make Guilford County homes warmer, dryer, and safer by providing repairs and ownership opportunities. Please remember to bring your contributions each Sunday during March and place them in the collection cans in the narthex, or send a check to the church office (write Joyful Noise in the memo line).

Fill the box: This month's emphasis is **breakfast bars**. Place your donations in the SimpleWays Community Support and Nutrition Program (formerly 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.

THE ONE STEP FURTHER FOOD PANTRY IS NOW KNOWN AS SIMPLEWAYS; PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT FMC'S EFFORTS TO FEED THE HUNGRY!

In the mid 90's, Gail Haworth, who was the director of The Servant's Center, brought the idea of collecting food for her newly established food pantry. She had a food collection box built for the narthex and we began to fill the box each Sunday. Then, in the early 2000's, when the Servant's Center Food Pantry had outgrown its space, it was moved to One Step Further. Through Gail, the congregants at First Moravian had developed a passion for feeding hungry people and we continued filling the box with staples as the food pantry moved to various locations around town. Its last move was to a large warehouse at Definition Church on Merritt Drive under the direction of Susan Cox.

The food pantry is now under new ownership, Susan Cox. The program is the same. The director is the same. The name has changed to **SimpleWays Community Support and Nutrition Program**. Its mission and approach is to provide practical support and compassionate pathways through community partnerships and direct services, creating "simple, effective solutions" that restore dignity and open doors to opportunity. **SimpleWays** provides practical, compassionate services to individuals and families facing homelessness, hunger, displacement, unemployment, or poverty.

People are still hungry and First Moravian is still filling the food box in the narthex each Sunday. Penny Wofford keeps us informed each month as to which foods are most desired; this month it is breakfast bars. Breakfast bars may be the desired staple of the month, but you could still donate "pickles" if you prefer. Thank you for your faithful love and your desire to feed Greensboro's hungry people. -- *Marian Carter*

CANDLE TEA CRAFTERS

ALL LEVELS OF CRAFTERS ARE WELCOME

Candle Tea crafters have begun meeting again on Wednesdays at 2 pm in the craft room, lower level of NFH. Please join us as we work to prepare for the 2026 event. All levels are welcome.

Bring your ideas, or we will have suggestions of crafts you can help us make. For information, call or text Penny Wofford at (336) 312-7500.

CANDLE TEA: SAVE THE DATE!

Save the Dates: Candle Tea will be held on Friday, December 4th, from 3:00pm – 8:00pm and again Saturday, December 5th, from 10:00am – 2:00pm.

Volunteers are also needed for clean up duties after the event on Saturday (2:00pm – 4:00pm).

CHURCH COUNCIL

APRIL 12 FOLLOWING WORSHIP

IN THE SANCTUARY

GREENSBORO NEW SCHOOL TINY FARMERS MARKET CRAFT & PLANT SALE

SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH, 10 AM – 1 PM

Greensboro New School is hosting a fundraiser in the First Moravian parking lot this Saturday.

Baked goods, plants, crafts, games, and school tours will be available.

Proceeds go to the New School.

Please help support our friends!

(See the bulletin insert.)

2026 LENTEN WORSHIP AND PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

2026 DAY OF PRAYER SERVICES



MARCH 29, PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 5, EASTER SUNDAY

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.

March 25, 11 AM. Konnoak Hills Moravian Church, Speaker: The Rev. Judy Knopf. Lovefeast. The service will be livestreamed at 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.

SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

Mar 29 - 31	Palm Sunday - Tues	Soup & Salad Supper (OFH, 6:00 pm-6:45pm) Holy Week Readings (OFH, 7:00pm)
April 1	Wednesday	Pre-Service Snacks (OFH, 6:45 pm-7:15pm) Holy Week Readings (OFH, 7:15pm)
April 2	Maundy Thursday	Maundy Thursday Communion and Holy Week Readings (Sanctuary, 7:00pm)
April 3	Good Friday	Good Friday Lovefeast and Holy Week Readings (Sanctuary, 7:00pm)
April 5	Easter	Easter Sunrise Service (front lawn, 7:00am) Traditional Easter Morning (Sanctuary, 11:00am)

THE CONGREGATION IS CORDIALLY INVITED TO KHALEIGHA'S RECITAL ON APRIL 1!

The congregation is warmly invited to support Khaleigha Holdip as she presents her Master's Recital in the Tew Recital Hall, UNCG campus, on Wednesday, April 1 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Members are encouraged to attend and show their support. The recital marks the culmination of Khaleigha's graduate studies and is a wonderful milestone worth celebrating! She hopes you will join her for this special performance!

Tew Recital Hall, 100 McIver St., Greensboro, 27412; Music Building, UNCG.

Tew Recital Hall: inside the main doors, take a left, and continue past the library windows down the hall. Go down the set of stairs on your left, continue straight into the lower atrium, and Tew Recital Hall doors will be on your left.

Parking: McIver Parking Deck located off of McIver Street. Paid parking during business hours: \$2/first hour, \$1/additional hours.

PROPOSALS TO SYNOD

All actions or decisions proposed to Synod, whether by individuals, boards, or agencies, will be called a 'Proposal to Synod.' If or when the Synod approves a Proposal, it will then become a "Resolution of Synod."

Who May Write a Proposal?

Proposals to synod may be submitted by individual members of the Southern Province, or by a provincial or interprovincial board or agency, or by a church board.

Submitting Proposals

The PEC Office will accept Proposals to be distributed before synod until **March 31, 2026**. The Steering Committee will make sure each Proposal is in the proper format, and assign Proposals to the appropriate Synod Committee(s). These pre-Synod Proposals will be delivered to Synod delegates approximately 30 days before synod convenes. Any proposal must be accompanied by the name, contact information and congregation or agency of the person submitting the proposal. This is needed so that the Steering Committee can work with individuals to make sure the format of a proposal is in order. A proposal that does not have this information will not be processed by the Steering Committee or considered at synod.

Important Note: After March 31 Proposals will not be accepted in the PEC Office and must be brought to SYNOD and presented at a business session by an elected Delegate.

Submit Proposals to the Provincial Elders' Conference via e-mail to bjohnson@mensp.org or send to the PEC office, 459 S. Church St., Winston-Salem, NC 27101.

For more information on how to write a proposal, please [click here](#) to see the sample format in the [Synod Delegate Handbook](#).

TWO-PART LUNCH & LEARN SERIES ON APRIL 19 AND 26 FOCUSES ON DISCERNMENT AS A COMMUNITY

By Vince Holbrook

One of my favorite quotes from the Moravian *Guidelines for Biblical Interpretation* is: "We affirm the importance to Moravians of relationships to each other and to God, and assert that biblical interpretation happens most faithfully in conversation and fellowship with one another, not as individuals."

It is so relevant to the findings of our member survey of last summer! Nearly two thirds of survey respondents said they are interested in further discussion of pastoral call criteria and/or criteria for weddings on our campus.

About the series

Join the Conversations Committee, Church Board, and Pastor for a Lunch & Learn opportunity following worship on April 19 and April 26 in Old Fellowship Hall.

In 2014, the Southern Province established a steering committee to "provide leadership, resources, and a process for a conversation about homosexuality in the church that includes diverse viewpoints, and opportunities for open and honest discussion, study and discernment." The FMC Conversations Committee selected two of the videos produced as part of that effort to begin a process of thoughtful conversation and discernment in our congregation.

Each session will begin with lunch and a video, followed by a brief period of small group discussion specifically about the video.

- **Sunday, April 19: "What is Biblical Marriage?"** – The film features two Moravian pastors with different views talking about Biblical marriage. The Rev. Dr. Margaret Leinbach and the Rev. Tim Sapp talk about how their views differ, as well as areas of agreement.
- **Sunday, April 26: "Biblical Interpretation"** – The film features the Rt. Rev. Sam Gray explaining the *Guidelines for Biblical Interpretation*. Synod delegates and higher-level church leaders are asked to observe these guidelines. Interpretation is something we do together, with guidance from both the written word and the living Word.

Congregation members will be invited to share their thoughts with the Conversations Committee (Donna Royster, Vince Holbrook, Libby McCandless, and Beth Smith) following the second video about additional opportunities for conversations and what they should be like.

To ensure we have enough food and seats, please call or email the church office at least three days before each lunch and learn to make a reservation.

PRAY EVERY DAY: MARCH 2026

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 Leonne.
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 Gods mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleased 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 ou 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 Intervarsity.
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 lobst 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.

