



*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'll celebrate Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem by singing our hosannas and waving our palm branches. In the evening, the first of our Holy Week Soup and Salad Suppers will begin at 6:00pm and conclude at 6:45pm, leaving just enough time to clean up and rearrange chairs for Sunday evening's Holy Week Readings.

The readings continue Monday through Friday at 7:00pm, with the exception of Wednesday, when we will begin 15 minutes later to allow time for people to come from Khaleigh's recital (see page 3). On Thursday evening, we also remember the Last Supper with a celebration of Holy Communion. Friday evening we begin with our traditional hot cross buns and coffee lovefeast.

### COMMUNITY HOUSING SOLUTIONS PROJECT – APRIL 11

Our service project with Community Housing Solutions is taking shape! Thank you to all who have volunteered and donated. We will be working at the home of Bettie Winchester, a 74-year-old widow. We will be constructing a railing around her front porch and 3 steps, as well as a railing for her back steps. Based upon the sign-up sheet, we may have enough volunteers, but notify Gray Styers if you are still interested in helping, since he is compiling a list of alternates in case someone can't come. Also, please see Marion Carter if you would like to help bring lunch to the construction team and meet Ms. Winchester. Finally, we still need at least \$122 in contributions to purchase supplies for the project, and this is the last Sunday of the month to donate. Again, thank you to all for your support!

### CHURCH COUNCIL

APRIL 12 FOLLOWING WORSHIP, IN THE SANCTUARY

AGENDA: PRESENTATION OF THE 2026 BUDGET

### SAVE THE DATE

MAY 5 — WORSHIP ON THE MOUNTAIN AT LAUREL RIDGE

DETAILS COMING SOON.

### FMC UPDATED OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office will be open Tuesday – Friday, 9 am – 1 pm

### SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026

#### PALM SUNDAY

**Watchword for the Week:** And being found in human form, Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Philippians 2:7,8

**Liturgist:** Gray Styers

**Liturgy:** Palm Sunday (pp. 49-53)

**Scripture:** Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 21:1-11

**Joyful Noise for March:** Community Housing Solutions

**Zoom Meeting ID:** 205 454 336

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

### HAPPENING THIS WEEK

- March 29 Worship (11:00am, Sanctuary)  
Church Board Mtg. (4pm, NFH, Conf. Rm.)  
Soup & Salad Supper (6:00pm-6:45pm, OFH)  
Holy Week Readings (7:00pm, OFH)
- March 30 Soup & Salad Supper (6:00pm-6:45pm, OFH)  
– 31 Holy Week Readings (7:00pm, OFH)
- April 1 Pre-Service Snacks (6:45 pm-7:15pm, OFH)  
Holy Week Readings (7:15pm, OFH)
- April 2 Maundy Thursday Communion and Holy Week  
Readings (7:00pm Sanctuary)
- April 3 Good Friday Lovefeast and Holy Week Readings  
(7:00pm, Sanctuary)

## MARCH JOYFUL NOISE: COMMUNITY HOUSING SOLUTIONS

**Joyful Noise offering:** Please dig deep to help us meet our \$500 fundraising goal for Men's Fellowship project with Community Housing Solutions. So far this month, we have collected \$378.55 with just a few days to go before the end of the month. Men's Fellowship has scheduled a workday on April 11 with Community Housing Solutions, an agency whose goal is to make Guilford County homes warmer, dryer, and safer by providing repairs and ownership opportunities. Sign up to help on the bulletin board in the narthex, and drop your contributions in the collection can on Sunday. Or send a check to the church office (write Joyful Noise on 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*

## 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@mosp.org](mailto:bjohnson@mosp.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.



**MAY 16 – 17, 2026, CONCERT / SERVICE:**

**RALEIGH MORAVIAN CHURCH @ 3 PM**

The *Psalm of Joy* is a service of word and music that was created by the Moravians in Salem, NC for July 4, 1783, as part of the first organized Independence celebration in the nation, giving thanks to God for the end of the Revolutionary War. Singers and band musicians are welcome to participate by attending rehearsals on Saturday, joining Raleigh congregation for worship on Sunday, and enjoying the pre-concert talk before presenting the ode at 3:00pm. Use coupon code *psalm* for 10% off the registration fee for a limited time.

The *Psalm of Joy* will be presented at the Raleigh Moravian Church, 1816 Ridge Rd., May 17, 2026 at 3:00pm. An informative talk will precede the concert at 1:30pm.

**SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK**

March 29	Palm Sunday	Church Board Mtg. (4pm, NFH, Conference Room) Soup & Salad Supper (6:00pm-6:45pm, OFH) Holy Week Readings (7:00pm, OFH)
March 30 – 31	Monday Tuesday	Soup & Salad Supper (6:00pm-6:45pm, OFH) Holy Week Readings (7:00pm, OFH)
April 1	Wednesday	Pre-Service Snacks (6:45 pm-7:15pm, OFH) Holy Week Readings* (7:15pm, OFH) <i>*Time changed to allow attendance at Khaleigha Holdip's recital.</i> Praise Band (6:00pm-7:30pm, OFH) Choir Practice (7:30pm, Sanctuary)
April 2	Maundy Thursday	Maundy Thursday Communion and Holy Week Readings (7:00pm Sanctuary)
April 3	Good Friday	Good Friday Lovefeast and Holy Week Readings (7:00pm, Sanctuary)
April 5	Easter Sunday	Easter Sunrise Service (7:00am, front lawn) Pancake & Sausage Breakfast hosted by Men's Fellowship (immediately following the sunrise service, NFH) Traditional Easter Morning (11:00am, Sanctuary)

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

## CANDLE TEA CRAFTERS — ALL LEVELS OF CRAFTERS ARE WELCOME!

The Crafters usually meet Wednesdays at 2:00pm in the Craft Room in the basement of NFH. They will not be meeting this Wednesday, April 1, but will resume meeting on April 8.

## CANDLE TEA: SAVE THE DATE!

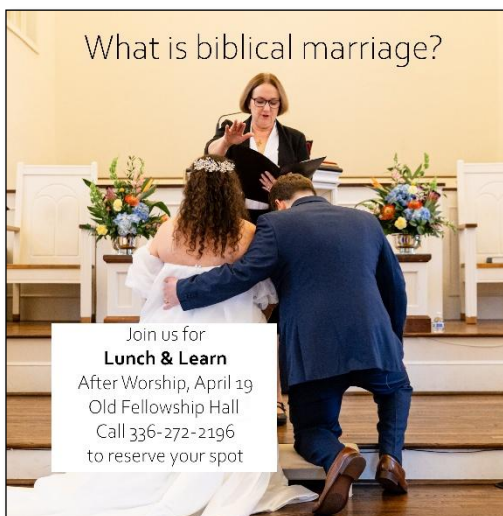
Save the Dates: Candle Tea will be held on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00pm – 8:00pm and again Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00am – 2:00pm. Volunteers are also needed for clean up duties after the event on Saturday (2:00pm – 4:00pm).

## 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. In response, the Conversations Committee and Church Board have planned two lunch and learn events for the congregation.



### 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 (336-272-2196; [office@greensboromoravian.org](mailto:office@greensboromoravian.org)) at least three days before each lunch and learn to make a reservation.



## PRAY EVERY DAY: APRIL 2026

1. Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Pray for the Teshes in Kenya and Ray of Hope.
2. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. Pray for the school in Ukraine supported by the Board of World Mission.
3. I will sing of your love and justice; to you, O Lord, I will sing praise. Pray for the Raipur Foster Child Project.
4. Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry for help come to you. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford in Mexico.
5. Do not hide your face from me when I am in distress. Turn your ear to me; when I call, answer me quickly. Pray for Moravians in Honduras and Nicaragua.
6. Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Pray for our government and leaders.
7. The nations will fear the name of the Lord, all the kings of the earth will revere your glory. Pray for PEC members, bishops, and other church leaders.
8. The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. Pray for Adopt-a-Village in Tanzania.
9. The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. Pray for Moravians in Cuba and the Armando Rusindo Foundation.
10. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Pray for Moravians in the mission area of Brazil.
11. O Lord my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty. Pray for the Clinica Evangelica Morava in Ahuas.
12. May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the Lord. Pray for the Unity Women's Desk and their scholarship recipients around the world.
13. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Pray for Moravians in Peru.
14. Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord or fully declare his praise? Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS ministry.
15. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men. Pray for seminarians and candidates for ordination.
16. My heart is steadfast, O God; I will sing and make music with all my soul. Pray for City With Dwellings in Winston Salem.
17. I will praise you, O lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples. Pray for Safiatu Braima and Sierra Leone.
18. For great is our love, higher than the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
19. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and let your glory be over all the earth. Pray for short term mission teams.
20. Save us and help us with your right hand, that those you love may be delivered. Pray for the Harrisons with Greek Intervarsity.
21. With my mouth I will greatly extol the Lord; in the great throng I will praise him. For he stands at the right hand of the needy one, to save his life from those who condemn him. Pray for Anna Faircloth with YoungLife.
22. Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
23. He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. Pray for Alan and DeeDee lobst in France.
24. From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised. Pray for Charlie and Vicki Brent in Texas.
25. Not to us O Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness. Pray for Annie B Missions and Star Mountain.
26. I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live. Pray for Michael and Naomi Woo with OMF International.
27. Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. Pray for the Board of World Mission.
28. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent in Croatia.
29. I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done. Pray for Estamos Unidos Moravian Ministry.
30. Do good to your servant, and I will live; I will obey your word. Pray for Joey Yokeley with Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

### 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

Caroline Armijo, March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Justin McKinney, March 29 <sup>th</sup>
Judith Berry, March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Beverley Lozano, March 30 <sup>th</sup>
Bud Crumpacker, April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Karsen Cass, April 4 <sup>th</sup>
Henry Templeton, April 4 <sup>th</sup>	

### EXTENDED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wed, Apr 8 Candle Tea Crafters (NFH, Craft Room, 2pm-3pm)  
Sat, Apr 11 Community Housing Solutions Workday  
Sun, Apr 12 Church Council (Sanctuary, 12:15pm))  
Tues, April 14 Friendship Circle Meets (OFH, 11:30am-1pm)  
Wed, Apr 15 Candle Tea Crafters (NFH, Craft Room, 2pm-3pm)  
Praise Band (6:00pm, OFH)  
Choir Rehearsal (7:30pm, Sanctuary)  
Sun, April 19 Lunch & Learn (12:30pm-2:00pm)  
Sun, April 26 Lunch & Learn (12:30pm-2:00pm)  
Sun, May 3 Worship on the Mountain (Laurel Ridge)  
Sun, May 24 Holy Communion in Celebration of Pentecost (11:00am worship)

### 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

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### 2026 CHURCH BOARD

#### Class of 2026

Mike Cockman  
Vince Holbrook  
Beth Smith

#### Class of 2027

Charles McKinney  
James Paul  
Keegan Smith, *vice chair*

#### Class of 2028

Bev Lozano  
Lauren Petersen  
Penny Wofford