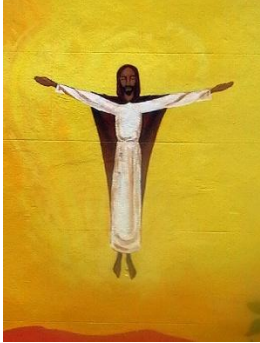




United in Christ, Reaching Out with Love, Changing Lives

2026 WATCHWORD

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



ASCENSION SUNDAY

Our first reading this Sunday is the story of Jesus’s ascension, from Acts. Ascension Day was this past Thursday (the Ascension always falls on a Thursday, since it is 40 days after Easter), but the church celebrates the Ascension on the following Sunday. The Ascension represents the culmination of Jesus’s earthly ministry and his Passion, completing his suffering, death, and resurrection. In celebrating the Ascension we recognize the enthronement of Christ as sovereign Lord over all the earth, able to intercede for us at all times and in all places. It also sets the stage for the commissioning of the disciples to complete his mission in the world and the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost next week.

SPECIAL SPEAKER AT THE MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF RYAN TODD

The last Men's Fellowship breakfast of the spring will be this Sunday morning, May 17, at 8:30am in NFH Conference Room (the next breakfast will be in September). Sunday’s meeting features special guest speaker Greensboro Deputy Police Chief Ryan Todd, who is the “chief constable” for our part of Greensboro. If you have a friend, neighbor, or family member who would like to meet and talk with Officer Todd, please invite them! Please RSVP to Gray Styers (gstyers@foxrothschild.com) so he can pick up enough Biscuitville biscuits for all!

MEMORIAL DAY (MAY 25TH) IS ON THE HORIZON!

As we approach Memorial Day, we pause to honor and give thanks for the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Their sacrifice calls us to gratitude and prayerful remembrance. On the Sunday before Memorial Day, we will include a special insert or recognition in the bulletin honoring loved ones who died in military service. If you would like to have someone included, please send their name(s) to the church office by May 20.

The office will be closed on Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.

IMPORTANT PARKING NOTICE: GOOD NEWS ...

It seems the city may be ahead of their original schedule. However, parking remains limited due to repairs on the storm drain along the left side of the property line. If available, you may use the handicapped spots. If the parking lot is not accessible, please park on the street. On Sunday mornings, spaces on the street and close to the sanctuary in the lot will be saved for those who need a shorter walk to the building. Ushers will be on the lookout for those who may need help.

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Watchword for the Week: Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7

Liturgist: Beth Smith

Liturgy: Celebration

Scripture: Acts 1:6-14; John 17:1-11

May Joyful Noise: Camp Carefree in Stokesdale, NC

Summer 2026 Ushers Shirt Color: May 17th will be the start of our Summer Ushers Shirt Color program. All are encouraged to participate. The color for May 17th is [blue](#).

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

May 17-18	Storm drains repairs limit parking spaces.
May 17	Men’s Fellowship Breakfast (8:30-9:30am, NFH) Sunday School (9:45am, Library) Worship (11am, Sanctuary) Church Board Mtg. (12:30pm, Conf. Room)
May 20	Crafts are canceled this week; they will resume May 27. Praise Band (6:00 pm, OFH) Choir Rehearsal (7:30pm, Sanctuary)

Zoom Meeting ID: 205 454 336

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

MAY JOYFUL NOISE: CAMP CAREFREE IN STOKESDALE, NC

Joyful Noise offering: During the month of May, please bring your coins, checks, and folding money and place it in the collection cans in the narthex in support of Camp Carefree in Stokesdale, which provides free, one-week camping experiences for children ages 6-16 with chronic illnesses and disabilities. The money we collect will be used by the Mission Committee to provide a meal for campers and staff in July.

Fill the box: This month's emphasis is sugar. Place your donations in the SimpleWays Community Support and Nutrition Program 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.

NEWS FROM THE PROVINCIAL ELDERS CONFERENCE

Mizpah is hosting a floating reception in honor of Charlie Fishel. Please see the invitation posted in the narthex and bulletin insert for additional details. We hope you'll join us on May 31 between 3:00–5:00 p.m. to celebrate this special occasion!

Brother Ethan Smith, has accepted a call to become pastor of Konnoak Hills Moravian Church, Winston-Salem. Ethan will begin his service at Konnoak Hills on Sunday, May 10, 2026 with a service of installation beginning at 10am.

Additionally, the Provincial Elders Conference (PEC) is pleased to announce that the Rt. Rev. Chris Giesler will be serving as the new interim Pastor at Bethabara Moravian Church, effective April 29.

On another note, Sister Evelyn Richards, mother of The Rev. Dr. Eulencine Christopher, entered the more immediate presence of her Savior on April 28, 2026. Please keep her family in prayer.

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER CONCERT: JUNE 13TH @ FRIEDLAND MORAVIAN

Brothers Jeremiah Christian and Noah McKinley Smith's Dog Days of Summer Concert
Saturday, June 13 6:30-8:00 (music begins at 7:00)

Friedland Moravian Church Fellowship Hall

The band is comprised of brothers Jeremiah Christian and Noah McKinley Smith who grew up at Friedland. Some of you may know Noah from Laurel Ridge. They are an Americana/gritty folk band. They have recently toured and played in five cities in Texas. Check them out on all music streaming sites. **Donations will be accepted at the door to benefit Friedland Youth Activities and Missions.**



SUMMER 2026 USHER SHIRT COLORS

Usher Shirt colors for Summer 2026 begin the week after Mother's Day as we go neat casual for the Summer. As in the past, we invite all the congregation and choir to join in the fun! We will return to coats and ties on September 27, 2026.

May 17	Blue (Ascension Sunday)
May 24	Red, Orange, or Yellow (Pentecost) or Red, White & Blue (Memorial Day)
May 31	Pink
June 7	Green (Prayer Day for Camp & Conf. Centers)
June 14	Yellow
June 21	Blue (Father's Day)
June 28	White
July 5	Red (Martyrdom of Jan Hus) or Red, White & Blue (Fourth of July)
July 12	Hawaiian or Tropical
July 19	Pink
July 26	Green
August 2	Yellow
August 9	Blue
August 16	White (August 13 Festival)
August 23	Hawaiian or Tropical
August 30	Pink
September 6	Red (Labor Day)
September 13	Green
September 20	Yellow

MEN AFTER GOD'S HEART!



2026 Men's Spiritual Retreat
1 Samuel 13:14a
"The Lord has sought
out a man after His own heart"

Facilitators
Rev. Dr. Dion Christopher
Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood

JUNE 26-28, 2026

Cost
Salem Wing Double occupancy - \$211.50
Salem Wing Single occupancy - \$350.00
Bishop Wing Double occupancy - 176.50
Bishop Wing Single occupancy - \$280.00



Unity Moravian Church's Women's Fellowship

invites you to a
Celebration of America's 250th

Speaker

Dr. John Ruddiman

presents on Early Moravians in America:

**Traugott Bagge's 1783
"Sketch of the
American Revolution."**

JUNE 20TH @ 12PM

Unity Moravian Church
8300 Concord Church Rd
Lewisville, NC 27023

PRAY EVERY DAY: MAY 2026

1. Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me. Pray for Charlie and Vicki Brent in Texas.
2. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Pray for Moravians in Peru.
3. I lift my eyes to the hills where does my help come from? Pray for Joey Yokeley with Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
4. My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. Pray for Vani and Shanti Pradhan in India.
5. May there be peace within your walls and security within your cities. Pray for the Unity Women's Desk.
6. Have mercy on us O Lord, have mercy on us. Pray for the Harrisons with Greek InterVarsity.
7. Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. Pray for the Board of World Mission.
8. Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
9. Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, to those who are upright in heart. Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS Ministry.
10. The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. Pray for PEC members, bishops and other church leaders.
11. He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him. Pray for Adopt A Village in Tanzania.
12. Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways. Pray for Moravians in Zambia and the newly consecrated bishop.
13. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford in Mexico.
14. If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared. Pray for the Clinica Evangelica Morava in Ahaus.
15. I wait for you Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. Pray for the Rajpur Foster Child Project.
16. O Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. Pray for Moravians in Labrador.
17. How good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters live together in unity! Pray for seminarians and candidates for ordination.
18. Praise the Lord, all you servants of the Lord who minister by night in the house of the Lord. Pray for Anna Faircloth with YoungLife.
19. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord. Pray for short term mission teams.
20. Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing praise to his name, for that is pleasant. Pray for the mission area and Moravians in Brazil.
21. Give thanks to the Lord of lords; to him who alone does great wonders. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent in Croatia.
22. When I called, you answered me; you made me bold and stouthearted. Pray for Brian and Heather Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
23. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life. Pray for Annie B Missions and Star Mountain.
24. The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your love, O Lord, endures forever. Pray for Alan and DeeDee lobst in France.
25. O Lord you have searched me and you know me; You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. Pray for Sunnyside Ministry in Winston Salem.
26. You hem me in, behind and before, you have laid your hand upon me. Pray for Michael and Naomi Woo with OMF International.
27. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. Pray for the Teshes in Kenya and Ray of Hope.
28. Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Pray for Moravians in Nicaragua.
29. I know that the Lord secures justice for the poor and upholds the cause of the needy. Pray for Moravians in Cuba and the Armando Rusindo Foundation.
30. Praise be to the Lord my Rock, who trains my hands for war, my fingers for battle. Pray for Safiatu Braima and Sierra Leone.
31. He is my loving God and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, my shield in whom I take refuge. Pray for summer camps and campers.

CANDLE TEA CRAFTERS — ALL LEVELS OF CRAFTERS ARE WELCOME!

Please note that crafts are canceled for 5/20/2026 but we will resume 5/27/2026. The Crafters meet Wednesdays at 2:00pm in the Craft Room in the basement 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.

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

Evie Bruning, 18th
Beth McLean, 23rd

Elizabeth Mitchell, 18th
David Lozano, 23rd

Lucas Bruning, 21st

EXTENDED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 17 & 18 Parking lot may be closed or spaces limited.
Sun, May 24 Holy Communion in Celebration of Pentecost (11:00am worship, Sanctuary)
Mon, May 25 Memorial Day (office closed)
Sun, May 31 Mission Committee (following worship, Phoenix Asian on Spring Garden)

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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