



*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

### MORAVIAN MUSIC SUNDAY CELEBRATED

This Sunday we celebrate Moravian music with special choral anthems from Christian Gregor, Henrietta Louise von Hayn, David Moritz Michael, John Antes, Jan Hus, Johann Christian Bechler.

And a Happy Father's Day to all the dads out there!

PS Don't forget to register for the intergenerational "Moravian Traditions" VBS next Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from 6:15pm to 8:30pm. (See page 7 of the newsletter and our website, [greensboromoravian.org](http://greensboromoravian.org).)

### FMC NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK ...

#### HOPPERS BASEBALL GAME

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup> / 6PM – 10 PM**

**GET READY FOR SOME BASEBALL AND JOIN YOUR FIRST MORAVIAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS AT THE GREENSBORO GRASSHOPPERS GAME. MORE INFORMATION TO COME.**



### CANDLE TEA UPDATES

There will be a luncheon held for Area Chairs of Candle Tea on Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, after worship (12:15pm, OFH).

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

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.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2026

#### FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Watchword for the Week:** Jesus said, "Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. Matthew 10:39

**Liturgist:** Beth McLean

**Liturgy:** Moravian Music Sunday Liturgy (insert)

**Scripture:** various

**June Sunday Stampede:** Family Room Foster Care Resource Center.

**Summer 2026 Ushers' Shirt Color:** The shirt color for Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, is **Blue** (Father's Day).

### HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday June 21	Sunday School (9:45am, Library) Worship (11:00am, Sanctuary) Moravian Music Sunday
Wednesday June 24	Candle Tea Crafters (2pm, NFH Craft Room) 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>

## SUNDAY STAPLE STAMPEDE: FAMILY ROOM FOSTER CARE RESOURCE CENTER

**Sunday Staple Stamped:** During the month of June, the Mission Committee will collect items for Family Room Foster Care Resource Center, which provides love, encouragement, and support to families who foster and the children in their care. An urgent need at the agency is size 4 diapers. Or you might consider contributing baby lotion, baby wipes, baby-sized socks, and children's underwear in sizes 4, 6, or 8. Emma Skinner was the representative who addressed our congregation last week regarding the resource center.

**Fill the box:** This month's emphasis is sauces (hot, barbecue, etc.). 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.

## OTHER CONGREGATIONAL ACTIVITIES YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!

- Congregational Worship and Picnic, Sept. 27 at High Point City Park.
- Church Anniversary Lovefeast during worship and Special Concert following worship, Oct. 4.

More information to come!



## Save the Date

### CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT AT LAUREL RIDGE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23 – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

Set aside time for a relaxing weekend in the Blue Ridge Mountains this fall with friends from FMC. There's no agenda—just time to relax, connect with one another, explore the mountain setting, and have fun! It's a great experience for all ages!

## SUMMER 2026 USHER SHIRT COLORS

Usher Shirt colors for Summer 2026 began May 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

## 2026-2030 SOUTHERN PROVINCE PROVINCIAL ELDER'S CONFERENCE AND BISHOPS-ELECT OF THE UNITY



**The 2026-30 Provincial Elder's Conference, from left to right:** Sr. Frances Beasley (Home, lay); Br. Rick Gardin (Advent, lay); The Rev. Dr. Riddick Weber (Fries, clergy); PEC President, Sr. Andrea Williams (New Philadelphia, lay) Sr. Monique Richards (South Florida Pastorate, lay); The Rev. Andrew Craver (Rural Hall, clergy); and The Rev. Dr. Dion Christopher (South Florida Pastorate, clergy).



**The New Bishops-Elect (left to right):** The Rev. Dr. Dion Christopher, The Rev. Dr. Nola Knouse, and The Rev. John D. Rights.

### 2026 SOUTHERN PROVINCE SYNOD

Jane McKinney and I joined nearly 170 voting delegates, along with observers and representatives from across the Moravian Unity, at the 2026 Southern Province Synod held at New Philadelphia Moravian Church. The theme, "Ever Transforming, Ever Renewing," was based on Romans 12:2.

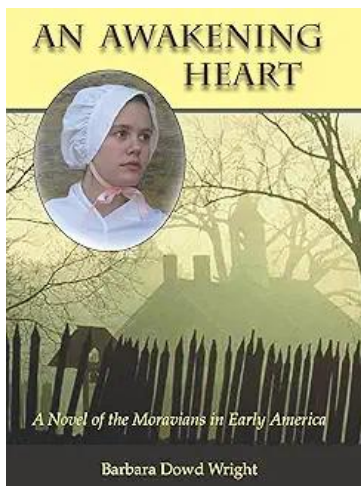
A historic highlight was the election of Andi Williams, currently employed at the Center for Creative Leadership in Greensboro, as PEC president, making her the first layperson and first woman to serve in that role. (See other members above.) Synod also elected three new bishops of the Unity (see picture at left).

Of the nearly 40 proposals considered by committees, 29 made it to the floor of Synod. Of those, 28 were approved and one was tabled. Among the actions adopted were guaranteeing each congregation at least two delegates at Synod, creation of a Faith Formation Digital Resource Hub, providing training for church boards and youth leaders, arranging for youth gatherings, offering translation services, expanding the relationship with Churches for Middle East Peace, and supporting the "humane and just treatment of individuals and families seeking refuge and asylum in the United States."

Synod also approved renaming the Florida-Georgia District the Southern Shores District, recognizing the growth of Moravian ministries in that region. Since the 2022 Synod, the District has grown from six congregations and three fellowships to seven congregations and five fellowships, including the chartering of Margate Moravian Church, the recognition of the Sarasota Fellowship, the launch of the Jacksonville Fellowship, the Savannah Fellowship in Georgia, and the welcoming of the Jan Hus Moravian Church in Port Arthur, Texas.

## THE FIRST MORAVIAN POP-UP BOOK CLUB MEETS AUGUST 3 TO DISCUSS *AN AWAKENING HEART*

Everyone—all ages, genders, members and non-members! – are invited to the “FMC Pop-Up Book Club” at 6:30pm on August 3. We’ll meet in the NFH Conference Room to discuss *An Awakening Heart* by Barbara Dowd Wright. Those who cannot attend in person will be able to join by Zoom. **Please let Pastor Barbara know if you want her to order a copy of the book for you and if you plan to attend ([pastor@greensboromoravian.org](mailto:pastor@greensboromoravian.org)).**



*“This lyrically written historical novel tells the true story of Christina Krause and Susannah Partsch who left Europe with husbands they hardly knew, to build a peaceful community in America’s 18th Century American wilderness. Bound together by their common faith of the Moravian Church, each woman faced the war and chaos around her, while struggling with her own personal challenges.*

*“Set during a turbulent time when Pennsylvania was America’s western frontier, these courageous immigrants brought in their awakening hearts the determination to share their vision of the early Christian Church with Native Americans and all other immigrants who peopled this vast new land*

*“Readers who have little knowledge of the Moravians will enjoy the descriptions of everyday life in early America from a woman’s perspective. Those who are familiar with the Colonial Moravians will appreciate the accuracy and richness of detail.*

*Woven together from personal memoirs and church diaries, Christina and Susannah’s direct descendent gives the reader an intimate, personal glimpse into an era of little known American history.”*

### CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS (CORRECTION)

There’s a new railing installed on the front porch of Moravian House (far right) by Zach Dunn and Russ Walker.

Additionally, there is a new handhold on the back door of the Sanctuary (near right) installed by Charles McKinney!

Many thanks from FMC. We appreciate you!



### ORDER YOUR **PROVINCIAL WOMEN’S BOARD 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRT NOW!**

The t-shirts are a fundraiser for the Provincial Women’s Board’s (PWB) 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in November. If you are interested in ordering a t-shirt, contact Jessica Smith ([Jessicalw28@gmail.com](mailto:Jessicalw28@gmail.com)), who is collecting orders and payment through June 28<sup>th</sup>. The shirts are \$20 for S to XL and \$23 for 2XL and 3XL.

Bring your payment to the worship service on June 14<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> and give to Jessica, or contact Jessica at [Jessicalw28@gmail.com](mailto:Jessicalw28@gmail.com) to arrange payment at another time.



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### **WHAT'S GOING ON IN IN FIRST MORAVIAN'S COMMUNITY GARDEN?**

Despite the bone-dry weather, our garden has begun producing. In the past week or two, we have delivered four kitchen-trashcan-sized bags of kale to Greensboro Urban Ministry. We planted three varieties of kale -- red Russian, dinosaur, and winterbor kale -- and all are growing well in the lower part of the garden. We are also keeping a close eye on our squash and zucchini plants, which are beginning to ripen. Our Blue Lake bush beans are growing nicely and, if they follow the pattern set by crops in previous years, should produce well throughout the summer. We also have tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, cucumbers, okra, and radishes. And at the top of the garden are our herb beds. You will see some of the herb harvest in the dried spices, oils, etc., that Vince and Susan Holbrook dehydrate, process, and sell at Candle Tea.

Do you have time to help in the garden? We welcome volunteers from the congregation. The newest gardeners to join our roster are Mariel Rose and Allison Martin. You don't have to know lots about growing to be a valuable helper. We need people who can water sections of the garden during this dry spell, pull a few weeds, pick ripe produce, and/or make deliveries to Urban Ministry several days each week. Just get in touch with Gray Styers or Penny Wofford.

## PRAY EVERY DAY: JUNE 2026

1. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Pray for the Moravian Church Southern Province as the delegates prepare for Synod.
2. In God, whose word I praise, in the Lord, whose word I praise. Pray for the new bishop of the Moravian Church in Zambia.
3. So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. Pray for PEC members, bishops, and other church leaders, especially for those at the Southern Province Synod beginning today.
4. Then the Lord your God will make you most prosperous in all the work of your hands. Pray for the resolutions at the Southern Provincial Synod to make us prosperous for works of God.
5. Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord! Pray for the committee work at the Southern Province Synod occurring today.
6. Of this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised. Pray for unity as a new President of the PEC is elected and the Southern Province Synod closes today.
7. Jesus said, "In the world you face persecution, but take courage: I have conquered the world!" Pray for Christians in the warring regions of the Middle East, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Lebanon/Gaza, Ukraine, and Russia.
8. Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." Pray for our church leaders in our country to put their nets again and again. Remember the story of the Pear Tree in the beginnings of the Moravian Church in South Africa.
9. 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 short term mission teams.
10. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Pray for Moravians in Sierra Leone.
11. Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. Pray for seminarians and candidates for ordination.
12. I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. Pray for the Moravians in Peru and Brazil.
13. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Pray for the Clinica Evangelica Morava in Ahaus.
14. I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me. Pray for Moravians in Cuba.
15. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. Pray for Moravians in Honduras, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica.
16. Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Pray for the Ray of Hope school in Kenya, near Shimba Hills.
17. Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you. Pray for the Teshes in Kenya as they continue ministries outside of Ray of Hope school.
18. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford in Mexico.
19. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Pray for the Rajpur Foster Child Project.
20. I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. Pray for the Moravian women clergy in Tanzania.
21. Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. Pray for the Moravian pastors who are undergoing major health challenges.
22. May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. Pray for the HIV/AIDS ministry in Tanzania, which the Hoffmans started.
23. Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Pray for Steve and Ann Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
24. May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent serving in Croatia.
25. But we ought always to thank God for you, those loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. Pray for the Moravian mission area in Brazil.
26. Finally, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you. Pray for the Moravian congregations in Alaska as they continue to recover from the devastating typhoon.
27. I want people everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing. Pray for Moravians in Labrador.
28. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Pray for Morongo Moravian Church in California.
29. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. Pray for the Board of World Mission.
30. For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayer. Pray for Estamos Unidos Moravian Ministry.

# Fun for All Ages!

First Moravian Church presents

## Intergenerational “Moravian Traditions” VBS

June 23-25  
6:15-8:30pm



Ever wanted to learn how to make and decorate beeswax candles, fold paper star ornaments, bake apple dumplings, or craft miniatures for the Putz? Here's your chance!

Join friends ages 5 to 105 as we explore and learn how to carry on favorite Moravian traditions. All are welcome!

For more information and to register, visit  
[greensboromoravian.org](http://greensboromoravian.org)

### 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

Cynthia Paul, 22<sup>nd</sup>

Hailey Griffin, 26<sup>th</sup>

Elias Pabel, 26<sup>th</sup>

Kieran Small, 25<sup>th</sup>

Jason Herlocker, 26<sup>th</sup>

Tonya Althiser, 27<sup>th</sup>

### EXTENDED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Tues. – Thurs. Intergenerational "Moravian Traditions" VBS (6:15pm-8:00pm). Beeswax candles, star making, apple dumplings, and more! Registration info at [greensboromoravian.org](http://greensboromoravian.org).  
June 23-25
- Fri., July 3 Office Closed (July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday)
- Sun, Aug. 2 Candle Tea Area Chairs Luncheon (12:15pm, OFH)
- Mon. FMC Pop-Up Book Club (6:30pm, Conf. Room and Zoom).
- Aug. 3 Discussing An Awakening Heart by Barbara Dowd Wright, a novel about two young Moravian women in the Pennsylvania wilderness.
- Sat. Hoppers Baseball Game – Saturday, August 29th, 6:00-10:00pm.
- Aug. 29 Greg Cohoon has reserved the upper deck for us. Details soon.
- Sun., Sept. 27 Congregational Worship and Picnic (10 am) at High Point City Park.
- Sun. Men's Fellowship Breakfast (8:30-9:45am, NFH)
- October 4 Church Anniversary Lovefeast during worship and Special Concert following worship.
- October 24-26 Congregational Retreat, Laurel Ridge.

### 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**  
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Keegan Smith, *vice chair*

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Lauren Petersen  
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