



Moravian Minutes

August 30, 2026

First Moravian Church, 304 S. Elam Ave., Greensboro, NC 27403

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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

In a passage from Paul's letter to the church in Rome, Paul shares some beautiful advice about genuinely loving each other and living in harmony, holding fast to what is good, blessing those who persecute you, not repaying evil for evil, serving others, living peaceably with others, and overcoming evil with good. Then, in this Sunday's gospel lesson, Jesus predicts his death and resurrection. When Peter rebukes him, Peter is rebuked in turn. Jesus teaches his disciples that if any wish to come after him, "Let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

And, we will celebrate the beginning of the school year with a Back-to-School blessing during worship.

Please welcome our new church administrative assistant, Kathryn Harris! Read a short bio on page 4 of the newsletter.

NEXT FMC BOOK CLUB: AUGUST 31 AT 6:30PM

The FMC Book Club meets on Monday, August 31 at 6:30pm in Old Fellowship Hall to discuss *The Bookmark* by Anne Supsic.

SAVE THE DATE!

RETREAT AT LAUREL RIDGE: FRIDAY, OCT 23 – SUNDAY, OCT 25TH

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! Higgins Lodge check-in begins at 4pm on Friday, October 23rd, and scheduled retreat activities will begin with supper at 6:00 pm. Our retreat will conclude with morning worship on Sunday, October 25th. **For more information, pick up a brochure posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.**



SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Watchword for the Week: Jesus said, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." Matthew 16:24

Liturgist: Russ Walker

Liturgy: Discipleship pp. 37-42

Scripture: Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

Sunday Staple Stampede: School Supplies for Lindley Elementary School

Summer 2026 Ushers' Shirt Color: The shirt color for Sunday, August 30th, is **Pink**

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sun, Aug 30	Sunday School (9:45am, Library) Worship (11am, Sanctuary)
Wed, Sept 2	Candle Tea Crafters (3pm, NFH Craft Room) Praise Band Rehearsal (6pm, OFH)
Thurs, Sept 3	Line Dancing (11am – 12:30pm OFH)
Sat, Sept 5	A Moravian Artisan Event (10am – 6pm) at Laurel Ridge (see pg 4)
Zoom Meeting ID: 205 454 336	
Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/205454336FMC	

SUNDAY STAPLE STAMPEDE: SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR LINDLEY ELEMENTARY

Sunday Staple Stamped: Although Lindley Elementary School is not technically our neighbor for the next year or so, the Mission Committee encourages everyone to purchase school supplies for Lindley students who may not be able to afford them. During the month of August, we will collect school supplies in the little red wheelbarrow in the narthex (or monetary donations in the collection can) to donate to the school. Here are some of the supplies needed: glue sticks, crayons (8 count boxes for kindergarten, 24 count boxes for grades 1-5), composition notebooks, pink rectangular erasers, folders (plastic/poly with pockets and 2 prong with pockets), scissors, yellow No.2 pencils, colored pencils, highlighters, 3-ring binders (2-inch), loose-leaf notebook paper, multi-colored index cards. The supplies specifically requested are: fine tip black Expo markers, regular tip Expo markers (any color), Lysol wipes, paper towels. Monetary donations will help the PTA purchase additional school supplies.

Fill the box This month's emphasis is unsweetened applesauce. 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.

A CELEBRATION

We collected \$500.00 during the month of July for the Campership Fund at Laurel Ridge. The Campership Fund subsidizes the cost of tuition to summer camp beyond what individual congregations provide. Thank you for your contributions!

CANDLE TEA UPDATES

- ✳ This year Candle Tea will be held on Friday, December 4th, from 3pm-8pm and again on Saturday, December 5th, from 10am-2pm. Volunteers are also needed for clean up duties after the event on Saturday (from 2pm-4pm).
- ✳ The Crafters meet on 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 for crafts you can help us make. For information, call or text Penny Wofford at (336) 312-7500.

ANNUAL PUTZ PREPARATION

Seeking volunteers (experience is not necessary) to make our Putz memorable. Assembly times have been scheduled for those that would like to participate on the following Saturdays in September: September 12, September 19 and September 26. Each assembly time will be held from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Meet in the New Fellowship Hall.

CHICKEN PIE ASSEMBLING SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE)

- Cooking 7 am / Picking & Chopping 11am on Saturdays.
- Press crusts 12:30 pm / Assemble pies (1:30 pm) on Sundays

Session 1 Saturday / Sunday – Sept 19 & 20
Session 2 Saturday / Sunday – Oct 10 & 11
Session 3 Saturday / Sunday – Oct 31 & Nov 1
Session 4 Saturday / Sunday – Nov 7 & Nov 8
Session 5 Saturday / Sunday – Nov 14 & 15



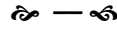


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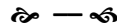
NEWS FROM THE PEC

The Provincial Elders' Conference invites you to attend the Consecration of:

- Br. Dion Christopher, who will be consecrated on Sunday, September 20, 2026, at 3:00pm at Prince of Peace Moravian Church in Miami, Florida.
- Br. John D. Rights, who will be consecrated on Sunday, September 27 at 3:00pm at Konnoak Hills Moravian Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.



- The Provincial Elder's Conference is pleased to announce that Br. David Jackson has accepted the call to serve as Pastor of Macedonia Moravian Church in Advance, NC. Br. Jackson will be ordained a Deacon of the Moravian Church on Sunday, September 13 at 3:00 pm. The Rt. Rev Lane A Sapp will officiate. Clergy, licensed lay pastors and educators will assemble in the Fellowship Hall at 2:30 pm. Please keep David, his family and the Macedonia congregation in your prayers.



- The Rev. Ginny Tobiassen requested and received permission to retire from active ministry in the Moravian Church, effective August 20, 2026. Sister Tobiassen was ordained a deacon in the Moravian Church on January 20, 2013, at Konnoak Hills Moravian Church, with The Rt. Rev. Sam Gray officiating. On November 25, 2018, Sister Ginny was consecrated a presbyter at Home Moravian Church with The Rt. Rev. Dr. Wayne Burkette officiating. Following her ordination, Sister Tobiassen served Home Moravian Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, first as associate pastor beginning February 10, 2013, and subsequently as pastor beginning January 29, 2017, a position she held until her retirement. We express our deep appreciation to Sister Tobiassen for her faithful and dedicated service to the Moravian Church. We give thanks for her ministry and pray that this

TIME FOR REVIVING, RENEWING, REJOICING AT NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH



October 1 7:00pm • Prayer with Bishop Tom Shelton

October 2, 7:00pm • Testimony Time with Sister Siv Ashley

October 3, 4:45pm • Musical Worship followed by a meal and 7:00 pm Rt. Rev. Dr. Dion Christopher speaks

October 4, 9:00am • Communion and Commitment service with worship lead by Bishop Sam Gray

PROVINCIAL WOMEN'S BOARD

FALL CELEBRATION AND STUDY BOOK WORKSHOP

Saturday, September 26, 2026 at Hopewell Moravian Church

701 Hopewell Church Rd, Winston-Salem, NC 27127

Free Continental Breakfast starting at 9 am

Mingle and browse treasures from local Moravian Artists

Programing starts at 10 am with Rev. Elizabeth Corney

336-722-4911 For additional details or pwbmcsp@gmail.com

OTHER CONGREGATIONAL ACTIVITIES YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!

(MORE INFORMATION TO COME)

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



Join us
September 5th, 2026

'MAKERS ON THE MOUNTAIN: A MORAVIAN ARTISAN EVENT

EXPERIENCE LIVE DEMONSTRATIONS, SHOP HANDCRAFTED GIFTS, AND

LEARN THE CRAFT.

FREE ADMISSION | DONATIONS ACCEPTED FOR LAUREL RIDGE DAM REPAIRS

When & Where
10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Summer Camp
Dining Hall &
Assembly Hall

Come hungry!
There will be a
food truck on-site,
plus plenty of
activities to
enjoy throughout the day.

WATCH • SHOP • EAT • ENJOY

Touch: Hand-thrown Pottery - Andrew Craver

See: Crocheted and needle felted items made by Moravian women in Nepal, Czech glass bead bracelets made by our visiting Czech sisters, cards featuring art by Moravian Women, Lynn Waggoner hand-made jewelry and other treasures - sponsored by the Unity Women's desk - Julie Tomberlin and more.

Smell: Fresh air on the mountain!

Discover: Even more artisan treasures! Stars and such by Cat and Jeff Jones, and and more.

Listen: to Musical guest: "Jeremiah McKinley Band" featuring Noah and Christian Smith, Adam Rudisill on the piano, "The Side Jam" featuring Daniel Weber, and many more!

888 Southerland Drive, Laurel Springs, NC 28644 www.laurelridge.org



FMC PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENT

We have hired Kathryn Harris to join FMC in our office, assisting with the day-to-day operations.

Kathryn has a degree in Christian Education and has had a long career in Human Resource Management. She continues to do consulting and enjoys working on administrative projects and interacting with FMC members and visitors.

Kathryn is a wife, mom, grandmother, and dog-mom. Please know that you can call or email anytime. She works 9a-1p daily.



Steps of Hope
A Walk for Greensboro Urban Ministry

Sunday, September 13, 2026
Barber Park
Registration/Entertainment: 1:30pm
Pre-walk Ceremony: 2:15pm, Walk: 2:30pm

5K walk route and a
shorter child-friendly walk route

[Register!](#) [Step-By-Step Guide](#)

SEPTEMBER 13: DAY OF SERVICE/STEPS OF HOPE WALK

The Mission Committee encourages members to participate in Greensboro Urban Ministry's "Steps of Hope Walk" at Barber Park for this year's Moravian Day of Service on September 13. Registration is at 1:30pm, the pre-walk ceremony begins at 2:15pm, and the walk begins at 2:30pm. The walk is raising funds that will support *all program areas* at Greensboro Urban Ministry (GUM). Every dollar raised will help provide food, shelter, resources and hope for residents in the Greensboro and Guilford County communities. This is the main fundraiser for GUM.

Register at <https://stepsofhope.funraise.org>.

TENDING GRIEF

An evening of exploring supportive ways to tend to grief, yours or someone you care about, through deep conversations, mindful practices, and sacred remembrances.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$40

Kinward
1000 Revolution Mill Drive, #3
Greensboro

Hosted by

Faith & GriefSM



PRAY EVERY DAY: AUGUST 2026

1. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. 1 John 4:9 Pray for the Cape Town Moravian brass band members who are leading a music ministry in Jamaica.
2. He will bless those who fear the Lord, both small and great. Psalm 115:13 Pray for The Dwelling and other ministries working with unhoused populations.
3. Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation. 2 Corinthians 1:7 Pray for Kevin & Charity as they travel back to the Middle East.
4. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word. 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 Pray the earthquake victims in Japan.
5. Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. Mark 16:15 Pray for the Star Mountain ministry which is in the midst of turmoil and war.
6. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God. John 3:21 Pray for the summer campers and staff at Laurel Ridge.
7. Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace. Isaiah 9:7 Pray for Ockbrook Moravian and the Moravian Brass from Germany who are celebrating Summer on the Settlement tomorrow.
8. Do not forsake me, O Lord; O my God, do not be far from me. Psalm 38:21 Pray for immigrants, refugees and displaced peoples.
9. The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. Psalm 126:3 Pray for the work of the Unity Women's Desk.
10. But when they cried out to the Lord, he raised up for them a deliverer, who saved them. Judges 3:9 NIV Pray for Michael and Naomi Woo with OMF International training new missionaries.
11. Do not, therefore, abandon that boldness of yours; it brings a great reward. Hebrews 10:35 Pray for the Harrisons with Greek Intervarsity.
12. The Lord will reign forever and ever. Exodus 15:18 Pray for the Ahuas Clinic, Honduras, as it celebrates its 80th anniversary as a healing ministry.
13. For in Him every one of God's promises is a "Yes." 2 Corinthians 1:20a Remember Berthelsdorf, Germany, and pray for the Holy Spirit to renew the Moravian Church each day.
14. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. In the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. Jeremiah 17:7,8 Pray for the victims of and those battling the wildfires in Canada.
15. You are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. Ephesians 2:20 Pray for the Unity as they direct the worldwide Moravian Church.
16. Ever since the creation of the world God's eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been seen and understood through the things God has made. Romans 1:20 Pray for Moravians in Peru and Brazil.
17. Jesus said, "Abide in my love." John 15:9 Pray for Blessings Flow project and clean water for all.
18. For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. 2 Peter 1:16 Pray for the Moravians in India and Nepal.
19. So we are always confident, even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:6-7 Pray for the Moravians in Cuba.
20. Remember that you were at that time without Christ, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. Ephesians 2:12-13 Pray for the Moravians in Honduras, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica.
21. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end. Luke 1:33 Pray for the Michael & Cecilia Tesh as they continue ministries beyond the Ray of Hope school, Kenya.
22. I will make peace your governor and well-being your ruler. Isaiah 60:17 NIV Pray for the Ray of Hope school in Kenya. Rejoice that they have a water filtration system now. Thank you, Evon Crook!
23. First seek the counsel of the Lord. 2 Chronicles 18:4 NIV Pray for Phil & Eunice Raiford in Mexico.
24. Jesus said, "The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." John 6:63 Pray for the Moravian Church in Tanzania, especially for the struggles of their women clergy.
25. Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them." John 14:23 Pray for Morongo Moravian in California.
26. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? Psalm 42:2 Pray for the Moravians in Florida and Georgia, as they spread the word of Christ.
27. The Lord is my refuge. Psalm 91:9 NIV Pray for Good Shepherd Moravian of Port Arthur, Texas.
28. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:13 Pray for Michael & Brenda Brent in Croatia.
29. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers. 1 Timothy 4:16 Pray for the Moravians in Labrador.
30. Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, in truth and love. 2 John 3 Pray for the Moravian Church in Alaska.
31. O Lord, there is no difference for you between helping the mighty and the weak. 2 Chronicles 14:11 Pray for the Board of World Mission as they decide how best to support mission projects and disaster relief.

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

Rebecca Post May, 31st

Toni Burroughs, 3rd

Madeleine Castelli, 4th

Jennifer Post, 4th

EXTENDED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sat, Aug 29 Hoppers Baseball Game – Saturday, August 29th, 6:00-10:00pm.
- Mon, Aug 31 FMC Pop-Up Book Club, (6:30 pm, OFH)
- Sun, Sept. 6 Singstunde during worship service (11:00 am)
- Sun, Sept. 7 FMC Office is Closed for Labor Day
- Tues, Sept.8 Friendship Circle Meeting (11:30am, OFH)
- Sat, Sept 12 Putz Preparation (10:00am – 1:00pm, NFH)
- Sun, Sept 13 Worship; Guest Preacher Craig Troutman (11am, Sanctuary)
- Sun, Sept 20 Men's Fellowship Breakfast (8:30-9:45am, NFH)
- Sun, Sept 27 Congregational Worship and Picnic (10 am) at High Point City Lake Park, Note:
No worship at FMC
- Thurs, Oct 1 Apple Dumpling workshop (9am – noon NFH)
- Sun, Oct 4 Men's Fellowship Breakfast (8:30-9:45am, NFH)
Church Anniversary Lovefeast during worship and Special Concert and
Reception following worship.
- Tues, Oct 13 Friendship Circle Meeting (11:30am, OFH)
- Fri – Sun, Congregational Retreat, Laurel Ridge Camp and Conference Center. Brochures
Oct 23-25 are available in the narthex or in the Friday email. Sign up now!
- Sun, Nov 1 Men's Fellowship Breakfast (8:30-9:45am, NFH)

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