



Moravian Minutes

September 13, 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

This Sunday, the guest preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Craig Troutman. While attending Moravian Seminary, Craig spent a year as an intern in Edmonton, Alberta. His first call was to Ardmore Moravian Church, where he served as the associate pastor. Craig next accepted a call to Raleigh Moravian Church. He retired in June 2022 after serving as pastor of Raleigh Moravian for 37 1/2 years. Pastor Barbara served as an intern and pastoral assistant under Craig before coming to First Moravian. Craig and his wife Anna enjoy traveling and spending time with their grandchildren.



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR YOUNG ADULT CONVO 2027

When: June 27 - July 6, 2027

Where: England and Ireland

Who: Moravians aged 18-25 at the time of Convo

Cost: \$3,900 - This cost includes all flights and other travel costs, lodging, and food, tickets to group experiences, and more. Participants may be additional funds for souvenirs, or snacks and activities beyond the group itinerary. First come, first serve, space limited to 40 participants. Learn more or register now at <https://www.moravian.org/mission/convo/>

REGISTER NOW FOR THE CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT

Friday, Oct 23 - Sunday, Oct 25th at Laurel Ridge

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, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Watchword for the Week: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits. Psalm 103:2

Liturgist: Beth Smith

Liturgy: Reconciliation (pp. 13-17)

Scripture: Matthew 18:15-35

Joyful Noise: Greensboro Urban Ministry

Summer 2026 Ushers' Shirt Color: The shirt color for Sunday, September 13th, is **GREEN**

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sept 13	Sunday School (9:45am, Library) Worship (11am, Sanctuary)
Sept 16	Candle Tea Crafters (2:00pm, NFH Craft Room) Praise Band Rehearsal (6:00pm, OFH) Choir Practice (7:30pm, Sanctuary)
Sept 17	Line Dancing (11am - 12:30pm OFH)
Sept 19	Putz Preparation (10:00am - 1:00pm, NFH) Garden Clean-up (9:00-11:00am, garden)

Zoom Meeting ID: 205 454 336

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

JOYFUL NOISE: GREENSBORO URBAN MINISTRY

Joyful Noise offering: The Mission Committee encourages the First Moravian family to take part Sunday, September 13, in our annual Day of Service project: supporting Greensboro Urban Ministry's Steps of Hope. Church members can participate in two ways: by signing up to walk next Sunday, or by donating during September's Joyful Noise offering. Look for more information on page 3 of this newsletter, or visit <https://stepsofhope.fundraiser.org>

A celebration: Thanks to everyone who contributed school supplies or cash during August's Sunday Staple Stampede in support of Lindley Elementary School. We collected 10 rolls of paper towels, 11 containers of Lysol wipes, 14 spiral notebooks, 10 folders, 5 packs of notebook paper, 3 composition books, 96 dry-erase markers, 7 scissors, 1 pack of markers, 8 boxes of colored pencils, 7 packs of index cards, 139 pencils, 4 pencil sharpeners, 14 erasers, 18 glue sticks, 23 boxes of crayons, and 1 backpack.

Fill the Box: This month's emphasis is salt-free black beans. 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.



2027 MORAVIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Looking ahead to next summer, the 2027 Moravian Music Festival will be held in Winston-Salem the week of July 18, 2027. The festival theme will be "Renewal and Rejuvenation" as we approach the 300th anniversary of the August 13, 1727 Spiritual Renewal. If interested in serving as a festival volunteer, email infor@moravianmusic.org

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

- 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





The Southern Province Moravian Church in America

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.
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- 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.
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- 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 new season of retirement will be filled with many blessings, joy, and opportunities for rest and renewal.

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>.



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!

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

EVENTS AT NEW PHILADELPHIA

HOLIDAY Treasures SALE
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7
 8 A.M. - 12 P.M.

- Accessories
- Ceramics
- Craft Notions
- Decorations
- Dishes
- Home Décor
- Jewelry
- Linens
- Moravian Items
- One-of-a-Kind Items
- Ornaments*
(including Hallmark)

HOMEMADE MORAVIAN SUGAR CAKE AND CHICKEN PIE

SECURE PAPER SHRED EVENT
 Protect your identity. Shred with confidence.
Saturday, October 17
 9am - 12pm
 \$5 a box or bag
 New Philadelphia Moravian Church Parking Lot
 4440 Country Club Road, Winston Salem, NC 27104
 YOUR INFORMATION. YOUR BUSINESS. KEEP IT SECURE.

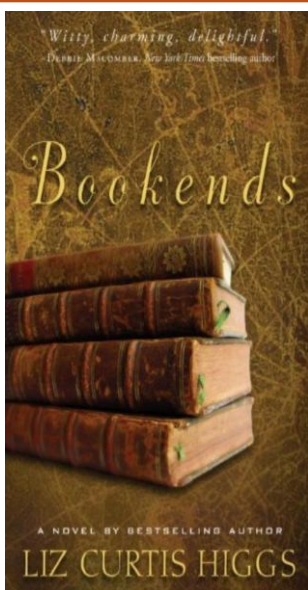


TIME FOR REVIVING, RENEWING, REJOICING AT NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH

Thursday, October 1	7pm	Sanctuary	Prayer night with Bishop Tom Shelton
Friday, October 2	7pm	Sanctuary	Testimony with Sister Siv Ashley
Saturday, October 3	4:45pm	Fellowship Hall	Fellowship Time
	5pm	Fellowship Hall	Musical Worship with Gene Francis & Friends
	6pm	Fellowship Hall	Barbeque Dinner
	7pm	Fellowship Hall	Praisin' & Preachin' with The Rt. Reverend Dr. Dion Christopher
Sunday, October 4	9am	Sanctuary	Worship with Bishop Sam Gray & a Community Choir led by Dr. David Allen
		Fellowship Hall	Potluck brunch to follow

**The Friendship Room will be open for individual and small group prayer led by our Intercessory Prayer Team 30 minutes prior to each service.*

Save
the
Dates!



FMC BOOK CLUB,
 Monday
 October 5th
 discussing
 Bookends,
 by Liz
 Curtis
 Higgs
 In Old
 Fellowship
 Hall.

Volunteers/Vendors Needed!

Info Booths, Ushering, Parking Lot, Setup, Teardown...And more!

2,500 visitors
 Limited Space
 Vendor Applications
 due: 11/7

Saturday December 12, 10am-5pm

Scan the QR Code or visit: linktr.ee/christmasfest to sign up TODAY!

Volunteers receive a complimentary lunch!

Christmas Fest
 Moravian Music Foundation

PRAY EVERY DAY: SEPTEMBER 2026

1. Jesus said, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." Matthew 16:24 Pray for the administrators, teachers, and schools within the Moravian Church.
2. ...The name of the Lord is to be praised. Psalm 113:3 Pray for the Michael Tesh while he is in the USA raising awareness and funding for the Moravian congregations in Kenya.
3. For God loves a cheerful giver. Pray for those who support the Board of World Mission & the Mission Society.
4. 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.
5. The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. Psalm 126:3 Pray for the work of the Unity Women's Desk.
6. 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 Nevada.
7. Jesus said, "Abide in my love." John 15:9 Pray for Blessings Flow project and clean water for all.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace. Isaiah 9:7 Pray for The Dwelling and other ministries working with unhoused populations.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. Do not, therefore, abandon that boldness of yours; it brings a great reward. Hebrews 10:35 Pray for the Harrisons with Greek Intervarsity.
14. First seek the counsel of the Lord. 2 Chronicles 18:4 Pray for Phil & Eunice Raiford in Mexico.
15. The Lord will fight for you...Exodus 14:14 Pray for Cecilia as she works with the Masai in Turkana, Kenya.
16. Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us...Psalm 33:22 Pray for Moravian ministers on the Minister's Covenant Day.
17. The Lord will reign forever and ever. Exodus 15:18 Pray for the Ahuas Clinic, Honduras, as it continues 80 years of healing those in its community.
18. So, we are always confident, ... for we walk by faith, not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:6-7 Pray for the Moravians in Cuba.
19. 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.
20. 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.
21. 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.
22. 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.
23. 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.
24. I will make peace your governor and well-being your ruler. Isaiah 60:17 NIV Pray for the Ray of Hope Academy in Kenya.
25. 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.
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 Southern Shores Moravians in Florida, Georgia, and Texas, as they spread the word of Christ.
27. 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 the participants of the Children's Festival celebrations in South Africa.
28. The Lord is my refuge. Psalm 91:9 NIV Pray for Good Shepherd Moravian of Port Arthur, Texas.
29. 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.
30. If you seek Him, He will be found by you. 2 Chronicles 15:2 Pray for all missionaries within the Moravian Church as our denomination celebrates 294 years of mission work. Pray for St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

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

Ella Mitchell, 20th

EXTENDED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sun, Sept 13 Worship; Guest Preacher Craig Troutman (11am, Sanctuary)
Sat, Sept 19 Putz Preparation (10:00am – 1:00pm, NFH)
Garden Clean-up (9:00-11:00am, garden)
Sun, Sept 20 Men's Fellowship Breakfast (8:30-9:45am, NFH)
Sun, Sept 20 Board Meeting (12:30pm, Conf Room)
Sat, Sept 26 Putz Preparation (10:00am – 1:00pm, NFH)
Sun, Sept 27 Congregational Worship and Picnic (10 am) at High Point City Lake Park.
No worship at FMC
Thurs, Oct 1 Apple Dumpling Workshop (9am – noon, NFH)
Men's Fellowship Breakfast (8:30-9:45am, NFH)
Sun, Oct 4 Church Anniversary Lovefeast and recognition of Gay Cass' service as Treasurer
during worship, reception following
Concert and Hot Dog Supper (4:00pm, Sanctuary and OFH)
Mon, Oct 5 FMC Book Club, discussing *Bookends*, by Liz Curtis Higgs (6:30pm, OFH)
Sun, Oct 11 Blessing of the Animals (4:00pm, OFH)
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 by link in the Friday email. Sign up now!
Sun, Nov 1 Men's Fellowship Breakfast (8:30-9:45am, NFH)

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