



Moravian Minutes

October 4, 2026

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

www.greensboromoravian.org

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 will be a full day of fun and memories at First Moravian! The morning begins with the monthly Men's Fellowship Breakfast, with special guest speaker Tres Fordham, director of Laurel Ridge Camp and Conference Center. During the 11:00am worship, we will celebrate the anniversary of First Moravian Church with a lovefeast and express our appreciation for Gay Cass, who served for many years as our Treasurer. We will also welcome two new members into the First Moravian family: Alex and Mary Jordan Johnson Livengood. After worship, please join us in Old Fellowship Hall for simple refreshments at a reception in Gay's honor. The celebration continues in the afternoon with "A Leisurely Afternoon," a concert of show tunes performed by the Chancel Choir. A hot dog supper follows in Old Fellowship Hall, courtesy of the Men's Fellowship.

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 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



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Bring your companion animal or a photo to the Congregational Blessing of the Animals.

October 11 at 4:00 pm in OFH

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.**

The deadline for registering for the retreat has passed, but extra rooms may be available if you decide you would like to attend. Please contact Meredith Cohoon if you have questions, or would like to attend at: dce@greensboromoravian.org

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

YOUTH SUNDAY

Watchword for the Week: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. Psalm 118:22,23

Liturgist: Lydian Averitt

Liturgy: Church Anniversary (insert)

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 3:10-17

October Sunday Stampede:

Zoom Meeting ID: 205 454 336

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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Oct 4	Men's Fellowship Breakfast (8:30am, Conf Rm) Worship, Anniversary Lovefeast & Tribute to Gay (11:00am, Sanctuary) Reception (following worship, OFH) Chancel Choir Concert (4:00pm, Sanctuary) Hot Dog Supper (following concert, OFH)
Oct 5	Book Club (6:30-8:30pm, OFH)
Oct 7	Praise Band Rehearsal (6:00pm, OFH) Choir Practice (7:30pm, Sanctuary)
Oct. 8	Line Dancing (11am – 12:30pm OFH)
Oct. 10/11	Session 2 Chicken Pie Assembly

SUNDAY STAMPLE STAMPEDE: PATHWAYS.

Join us during the month of October as our Mission Committee collects **pillows** and **dish-drying racks** for Pathways! The Pathways Center, a program of Greensboro Urban Ministry, began operation in 1981 and provides temporary housing for up to 16 families with children who are experiencing homelessness.

Families come to Pathways for a variety of reasons, such as eviction from housing they could not afford, living in overcrowded or substandard housing, and domestic problems. Pathways' primary purpose is to provide a safe environment for families while they are searching for other housing options. During their stay, families participate in case management and establish a plan for housing stability. Families are not charged any fee to move in. This allows them to pay off back bills and to save money for housing/utility deposits.

At Pathways, each family has a private living space, which includes beds, a kitchenette, and a bathroom. Residents share a lounge, TV room, computer lab/library, laundry room, meditation room, and outdoor playground/picnic area. The program provides new linens for each family that moves in, so there is an ongoing need for pillows, as well as dish-drying racks (the countertop type with plastic pan underneath) to help outfit their kitchenettes. Help us fill the little red wheelbarrow in the narthex during the month of October for Pathways!

Fill the box: This month's emphasis is mustard. 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.

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 cleaning duties after the event on Saturday (from 2pm-4pm).
- ✱ The Crafters will NOT meet for the remainder of 2026. Crafters will resume meeting again in 2027. Questions? Call or text Penny Wofford at (336) 312-7500.



MISSION MESSAGE



HEALTH FAIR TO CELEBRATE 80 YEARS AT THE AHUAS CLINIC

The Ahuas Clinic celebrated 80 years of serving the La Moskitia region of Honduras. In honor of this milestone, the Clinic held a public health fair in the village of Krupunta. The celebration gathered over 350 people, demonstrating the Clinic's dedication to meeting both medical and spiritual needs. Local choirs sang, students performed traditional dances and artistic presentations. In addition to the fun, medical staff gave public health presentations, administered influenza vaccinations, offered medical tests and more. Some of the public health achievements of the event include:

- 115 pairs of reading glasses distributed
- 15 people diagnosed with cataracts
- 28 people with advanced pterygium examined
- 68 glucometry tests were performed and 2 people diagnosed with diabetes
- 264 blood pressure tests performed and 84 treatments for hypertension distributed
- 230 medical prescriptions issued

The public health fair was a collaborative effort, with financial support provided by the Board of World Mission, along with many local Moravian congregations.



A SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

The Mission Committee is seeking a volunteer who will serve as the coordinator for the night shelter meals we prepare throughout the year of Greensboro Urban Ministry. That person will line up church groups to be responsible for each evening meal we are assigned to provide and act as the liaison between GUM and the groups (to determine how many clients need to be fed) During 2026, the Mission Committee, Friendship Circle, Sisters Circle, Men's Fellowship and Church Board provided meals. A final meal in November will involve the entire congregation providing chili and cornbread. Please contact Beth Smith (336-601-6370) if you are willing to take on this role.

Members of First Moravian enjoyed worshipping and picnicking outdoors at High Point City Lake Park on September 27.



Delicious Food! Fellowship and Friendship!





IN THE GARDEN UPDATE

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1. Fall is a season of transitions – the summer crops (tomatoes, squash, beans, cucumbers) are coming to an end, and the boxes can be re-planted with fall root vegetables and leafy greens. We are still delivering to GUM some herbs, eggplant, and peppers, but otherwise the summer harvesting has ended, and we celebrate another bountiful year. (See box at lower right corner.) On September 19, Penny, Muriel, Allison, Gray, and neighbor Cordon Smart cleaned up and cleared out over half the boxes. Then, on September 22, thirteen students for the Urban Gardening Class at NCA&T State University met at the Servants' Garden to hear about our work and then helped replant those boxes for the fall. The timing was perfect – prior to steady rains on September 23 and 24. Although the rabbits have been nibbling on the new, tender leaves, we hope to have plenty of nutritious greens to provide to the GUM food pantry in late October and November. Please see Gray or Penny if you would like to learn more or help harvest later in the fall.



We estimate that deliveries to the GUM Food Pantry this summer total almost **400 pounds** of fresh produce and herbs – averaging over 40 pounds per week throughout July and August. Squash has been especially bountiful this year, augmented by a steady harvest of green beans, tomatoes, cucumbers (earlier in the season) and green peppers (later in the summer). Thanks to everyone at FMC that contributed to make these donations possible!

"I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for your kind support and help during our recent field trip. The feedback from the students was wonderful, especially regarding everything they observed in the garden and the hands-on experience. I truly appreciate your time, effort, and hospitality."

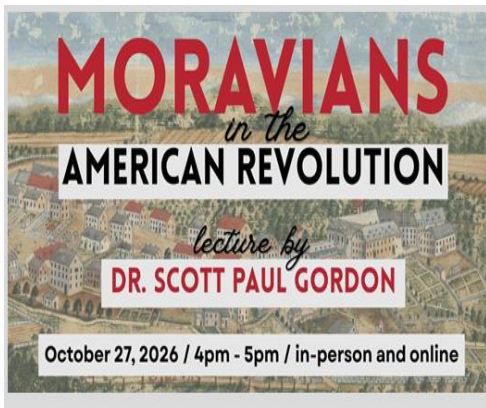
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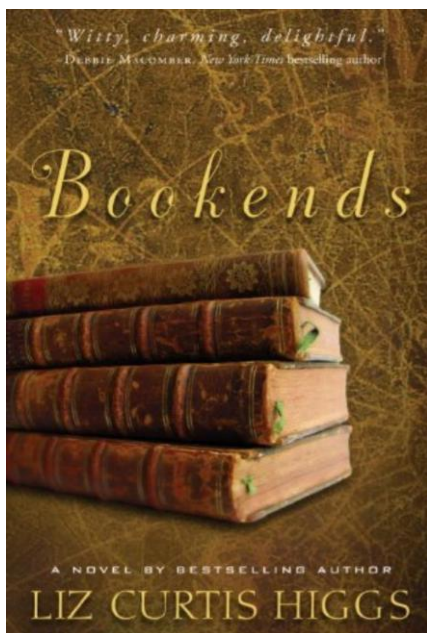
During worship on August 30, First Moravian students received a special blessing for the school year ahead.



Dr. Scott Paul Gordon

Link to registration:

<https://www.moravianchurcharchives.org/event/lecture->



FMC BOOK CLUB

Monday October 5th discussing
Bookends, by Liz Curtis Higgs
In Old Fellowship Hall
6:30-8:30 pm and No Zoom.

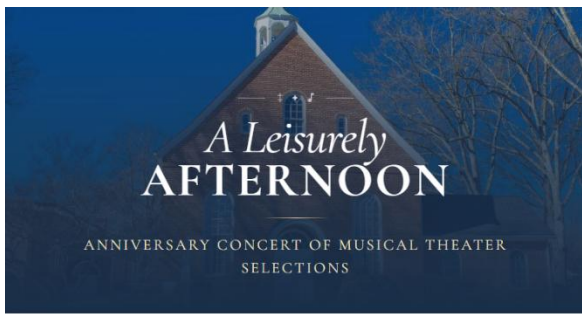


Announcement from Lisa Salo

- A Big Shout Out of Thanks for Job Well Done in completing our 2026 Putz: Sam Post, Russ Walker, Mike Cockman, Stuart Smith, Jesse Day, Ron Small, Keegan Smith, Rutley McLean, Rutley's friend, Thomas, Sartor McLean, Nancy Pahel, Jessica Smith, Meredith Cohoon, Rory Cohoon, Teresa Walker, Penny Wofford, Beth Smith, Mariel Rose, Allison Martin and Crowe After School Youth.
- Our 2026 Putz is completed, please stop by New Fellowship Hall upstairs area to enjoy it.
- Candle Tea Costumes - Now is a good time to get your Candle Tea Costume if you need one for this year. Costumes are located in the basement of Old Fellowship Hall in the Costume Room. If you have a costume to donate that you are not using, please launder it and put it in the Costume Room.
- Donations for the Candle Tea Tavern - There is a bin in the narthex for donations for the Candle Tea Tavern, please donate sugar, decaf coffee and lemonade mix as you are able.

Thank you,

Lisa Salo, Meredith Cohoon, and Jane McKinney



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH 4:00 PM

FIRST MORAVIAN CHURCH SANCTUARY

"Happy Birthday" Celebration for
First Moravian Church

The FMC Chancel Choir will present a gift of memorable Musical Theater selections.

It will be a wonderfully nostalgic afternoon of beautiful singing celebrating First Moravian Church's 118th Year Anniversary.

FOLLOWING CONCERT

Hot Dog Supper on the Lawn

Join us outside after the concert for fellowship, conversation, and a casual supper together.



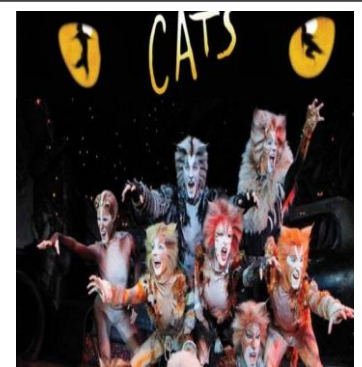
Jane McKinney
Music Director



The informal concert will feature all Chancel Choir Singers, including those professionally trained, offering solo, duet, trio and choral pieces from a range of familiar musicals, operettas and operas, including: *The Barber of Seville* (1816); *Carmen* (1875); *The Mikado* (1885); *Showboat* (1927); *Carousel* (1945); *Candide* (1956); *Godspell* (1971); *Sweeney Todd, The Demon of Fleet Street* (1979); *Les Misérables* (1980); *Cats* (1981); *The Phantom of the Opera* (1986); *The Secret Garden* (1989); and Disney's animated musical film, *Pocahontas* (1995).



Happy 118th
Anniversary
First Moravian
Church



CHURCH ANNIVERSARY LOVEFEAST AND TRIBUTE TO GAY CASS OCTOBER 4, 11:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us at 11:00am on October 4 as we celebrate First Moravian Church's 118th anniversary with a lovefeast and say "thank you" to Gay Cass for her service as Treasurer of First Moravian from 1982 to 2026. We will also have the pleasure of welcoming two new members, Alex and Mary Jordan Johnson Livengood.

A reception in Old Fellowship Hall will follow the service.



PRAY EVERY DAY: OCTOBER 2026

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Pray for Indigenous children and remember that every child matters.
2. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. Pray for Michael and Naomi Woo as they work preparing missionaries for short-term missions.
3. You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford in Mexico.
4. Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be open to you. Pray for our children and for the body of Christ communing throughout the world today.
5. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well. Pray for Joey Yokeley with Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
6. The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Pray for Charlie and Vicki Brent in Texas.
7. As you go, preach this message: "The kingdom of heaven is near." Pray for our government leaders and peace in our country.
8. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Pray for short term mission teams, especially those helping in areas hit by natural disasters.
9. Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Pray for Safiatu and Jenna Braima and Sierra Leonne.
10. Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit. Pray for seminarians and candidates for ordination.
11. For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother. Pray for world missions and disaster relief workers today.
12. If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Pray for the Clinica Evangelica Morava in Ahaus.
13. I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Pray for Moravians in Cuba and the Armando Rusindo Foundation.
14. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all you mind. Pray for PEC members, bishops, and other church leaders.
15. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. Pray for Moravians in Nicaragua and their churches.
16. I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. Pray for the Raipur Foster Child Project.
17. The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news! Pray for the missionary work with Ukrainian refugees and the war in Ukraine.
18. It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Pray for the Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministries and for all prison ministries.
19. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Pray for The Dwelling and local homeless shelters.
20. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Pray for Adopt-a-Village in Tanzania.
21. Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. Pray for the Moravians in Peru.
22. And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Pray for the Unity Women's Desk and their scholarship recipients.
23. I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion. Pray for HIV/AIDS ministry in Sikonge, Tanzania.
24. That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Pray for human rights for all women and an end to gender-based violence against women.
25. Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
26. As surely as I live, says the Lord, every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God. Pray for Dusty and Christin Harrison with Greek Intervarsity.
27. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pray for Sunnyside Ministry and other crisis agencies.
28. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent in Croatia.
29. From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I. Pray for the ministries of Cecilia and Michael Tesch in Kenya and for Ray of Hope Academy at Shimba Hills.
30. Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with each other. Pray for Star Mountain school and for peace in their region.
31. Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. Pray for Estamos Unidos Moravian Ministry.

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

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Audrey Nuttall, 8th

EXTENDED CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun, Oct 4	Men's Fellowship Breakfast (8:30-9:45am, NFH) Church Anniversary Lovefeast and recognition of Gay Cass' service as Treasurer (11:00am, sanctuary), reception following (OFH) Concert and Hot Dog Supper (4:00pm, Sanctuary and OFH)
Mon, Oct 5	FMC Book Club, discussing <i>Bookends</i> , by Liz Curtis Higgs (6:30pm, OFH)
Wed, Oct 7	Praise Band practice (6:00 pm OFH) Choir Rehearsal (7:30 pm, Sanctuary)
Thurs, Oct 8	Line Dancing (11:00am, OFH)
Sat, Oct 10	Chicken pie assembly (see page 2 for details)
Sun, Oct 11	Chicken pie assembly (see page 2 for details) Blessing of the Animals (4:00pm, OFH) Church Board Meeting (12:30pm, Conf Rm)
Tues, Oct 13	Friendship Circle Meeting (11:30am, OFH)
Fri – Sun, Oct 23-25	Congregational Retreat, Laurel Ridge Camp & Conference Center. Brochures are available in the narthex, or by link in the Friday email. Sign up now!
Mon, Oct 26	Endowment Committee (6:30pm, Conf Rm)
Sun, Nov 1	Men's Fellowship Breakfast (8:30-9:45am, NFH)
Sat/Sun, Nov 7-8	Chicken pie assembly (see page 2 for details)
Sat/Sun, Nov 14-15	Chicken pie assembly (see page 2 for details)

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2026 CHURCH BOARD

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