

First Moravian Church

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Vision Statement

United in Christ, reaching out in love, changing lives.

Watchword for 2025

The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow. Psalm 146:9

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025
11:00 AM Worship
Rev. Barbara Styers, Pastor

Watchword for the Week

The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him. Psalm 103:17

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>A Mighty Fortress</i>	Rinck
Chiming of the Hour		
Welcome and Announcements		Meredith Cohoon
Introit	<i>Hymn of Promise</i>	Natalie Sleeth
Call to Worship* (from Psalm 103:1-5)		Meredith Cohoon
Leader:	Come! Come praise the eternal God! Let all that is within us— body, emotions, mind, and will— praise God's holy name!	
People:	Despite our failures, He forgives and releases us. More than any doctor, He heals our diseases. When we are famished and weak, He fills us with good and beautiful things, satisfying our needs, and restoring our strength.	
Leader:	So come! Come, praise the eternal God! Sing songs from a grateful heart, and remember all that He has done for us.	
Liturgy*	Peace and Justice (pp. 148-153)	Donna Royster
Prayer of Intercession		Meredith Cohoon
Hymn	<i>O Bless the Lord, My Soul</i>	MBW #546

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture	Rev. Barbara Styers
Isaiah 58:9b-14	
Luke 13:10-17	
Sermon	Rev. Barbara Styers

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn	<i>Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service</i>	MBW # 688
Offering Our Gifts		Rev. Barbara Styers
Invitation to the Offering		
Offertory	<i>They That Wait Upon the Lord</i>	Michael Larkin
Doxology*		
Prayer of Dedication*		

WE CARRY GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

Hymn	<i>Forth in Your Name, O Lord, I Go</i>	MBW # 638
Benediction*		Rev. Barbara Styers
Chiming of the Hour		
Postlude	<i>Praise Be to Thee, Jesus Christ</i>	Scheidt

**Please stand if you are able.*

BACK TO SCHOOL SOCIAL: TODAY, 2:00PM-4:00PM

Join us for an afternoon of fun--ice cream and games in Old Fellowship Hall. Invite your friends and bring your favorite ice cream or topping and game to share!

AUGUST SUNDAY STAPLE STAMPEDE AND SEPTEMBER 14

MORAVIAN DAY OF SERVICE: SUPPLIES FOR LINDLEY ELEMENTARY

Crayons (8-count and 24-count boxes, Crayola brand preferred) are this week's featured school supply for the August Sunday Staple Stampede. The Mission Committee is collecting basic school supplies – a different item each week – to be used in grab bags for Lindley Elementary School students. The grab bags will be assembled on Sunday, Sept 14, as our project for the Moravian Day of Service. Plan to join the Mission Committee that day after worship to assemble the bags – many hands will make light work.

So far, we have collected 70 pairs of safety scissors, 134 glue sticks and 596 No. 2 pencils (along with 25 boxes of crayons, 15 boxes of colored pencils, and cash to purchase more) for the grab bags. Two packs of highlighters and one composition notebook also have been donated. Our schedule for donations is:

- Aug. 3: Children's safety scissors
- Aug. 10: Glue sticks
- Aug. 17: Pencils (yellow No. 2, no mechanical pencils)
- Aug. 24: Crayons (8 count and 24 count, Crayola preferred)
- Aug. 31: Colored pencils

Fill the box: This month's emphasis is pancake mix. Place your donations in the One Step Further wooden food collection box in the narthex on Sunday.

CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC AND OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, September 28, 10:00am-2:00pm, High Point City Lake Park Shelter #8 (Yellow Pine). Enjoy worship in the park with the 11:00 O'Clock Rock Praise Band followed by lunch and games. The church will supply fried chicken; you bring a side or dessert based on your last name.

CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT—REGISTER TODAY!!

Join your First Moravian family on the mountain this fall for fun, fellowship, and spiritual refreshment at our annual congregational retreat! Relax on the rocking chair porch at Higgins Lodge, enjoy a nature walk or hike, play frisbee golf, or knit and chat by the fire surrounded by friends and God's magnificent creation. You might also visit the cheese factory in West Jefferson or the winery near Sparta. There will be ample time for puzzles, board games, fellowship, and possibly some special craft or activity sessions led by church members.

Details and the registration form are in the Fall Retreat Brochure, available in the narthex or linked in our weekly email. Reservations with a \$50 deposit are due by August 24, and changes or cancellations must be made at least 30 days prior (September 24) to receive a refund. Questions? Contact Meredith Cohoon at 336-312-1322 or dce@greensboromoravian.org.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Kelly McLean, 25th
Alan Turner, 26th

Georgia Lineback, 25th
Gail Haworth, 27th

Hunter Johnson, 26th
Donovan Kopp, 29th

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sun, Aug 24 Sunday School (9:45am)
Worship (11:00am, Sanctuary)
Back-To School Social (2:00pm-4:00pm, OFH)

Wed, Aug 27 Craft Group (2:00pm, Craft Rm.)
Praise Band (6:00pm, OFH)
Choir Rehearsal (7:30pm, Sanctuary)

SUMMER USHER SHIRT COLORS

August 24: Blue

August 31: Yellow

FIRST MORAVIAN CHURCH STAFF

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