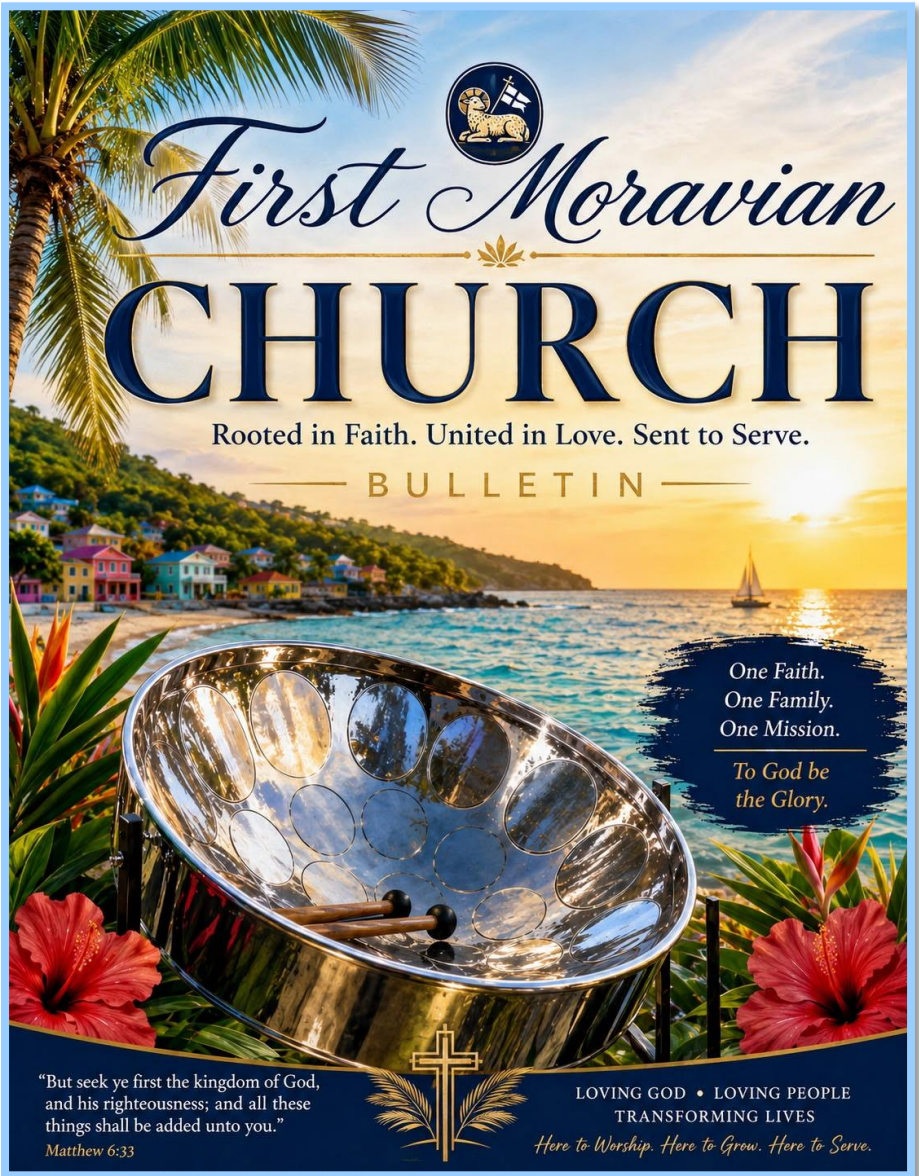




Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2026

11:00 am Worship & Lovefeast – Island Style!

Rev. Barbara Styers, Pastor

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK

God, turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your custom toward
those who love your name. Psalm 119:132

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Ann Curtis

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Meredith Cohoon

Song of Welcome *There's a Christian Welcome Here* insert
The congregation is encouraged to greet and welcome one another.

WE PRAISE GOD AND OFFER PRAYER

Liturgy* Canticle of Praise (*insert*) Lucille Samuel

Hymn* *Praise the Lord! You Heav'ns, Adore Him* MBW #454

Prayer of Intercession Meredith Cohoon

Liturgy* Emancipation (*insert*) Lauren Petersen
Evans Petersen III

Hymn* *The Right Hand of God* MBW #690

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offering Our Gifts Rev. Barbara M. Styers

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *To God Be the Glory (insert)* W. H. Doane

Doxology*

Prayer of Dedication*

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Rev. Barbara M. Styers

Ephesians 4:1-6

Revelation 7:9-12

Remarks/About the Lovefeast Rev. Barbara M. Styers

THE LOVEFEAST

Distributing the Lovefeast

Sound the Battle Cry!

Wm. F. Sherwin

The Church's Rallying Song

Jno. R. Sweney

The Blessing

*Come, Lord Jesus, Our Guest to be
And bless these gifts bestowed by thee.
Bless our dear ones everywhere
And keep them in Thy loving care. Amen.*

Choir Anthems

Seeking the Lost
Standing on the Promises
Tell the Whole Wide World

W. A. Ogden
R. Kelso Carter
Jno. R. Sweney

Collecting the Cups

Send the Light!
We Have Come into His House

Chas H. Gabriel, arr.
Bruce Ballinger

Benediction*

Rev. Barbara M. Styers

Chiming of the Hour*

Postlude

Ann Curtis

**The congregation is invited to stand in body or spirit.*

SPECIAL THANKS TO....

Chip Bailess for contributing his drum skills to our music this morning, and to Lucille Samuel's daughter, Nichy, for designing the bulletin cover.

FLOWER DEDICATION

The flowers are given by Gray and Barbara Styers to the glory of God and in honor of the Moravian missionaries who traveled across the ocean to bring the Gospel to the islands of the Caribbean, and in celebration of the vibrant faith of the people of the Caribbean who received the Gospel and made it their own. May the colorful display of these flowers remind us of the beauty and vibrance of the Body of Christ—diverse and yet united in one Spirit.

JOYFUL NOISE: LAUREL RIDGE'S CAMBERSHIP FUND

Joyful Noise Offering: This is the last Sunday we are collecting for Laurel Ridge's Campership Fund, which subsidizes the cost of tuition to attend a session of camp, and we've only raised \$120.60 so far. Attending summer camp at Laurel Ridge is an important part of many of our young people's lives and Christian development. First Moravian offers 50% scholarships to our members to aid with the cost of camp. Other congregations may offer scholarships as well, but the Campership Fund supports campers and their families beyond what their congregations provide, to make sure any young person who wishes to attend camp is able to do so. Drop your contributions in the collection can in the narthex on Sunday or send checks (Laurel Ridge Campership Fund in the memo line) to the church office during the week.

Fill the box: This month's emphasis is rice. Place your donations in the SimpleWays wooden food collection box in the narthex or in the plastic bin on the back porch of the Moravian House at other times.

FIRST MORAVIAN GOES TO THE HOPPERS

Join your First Moravian family for an evening of Grasshoppers baseball on **Saturday, August 29!** Gates open at 6pm, first pitch is at 6:30pm, with fireworks afterwards. Friends and neighbors are invited, too! Tickets are \$20 but the church will cover half of the cost of children and youth tickets. Additional financial assistance is available (contact Pastor Barbara or Greg Cohoon). Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/y9HzkDxJUFueQJpi6>.

OTHER CONGREGATIONAL EVENTS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!

- **Line Dancing with Lenna Sikes** – Thursdays, 11:00am-12:30pm, OFH. The cost is \$7/class, pay as you go.
- **FMC Pop-Up Book Club** – August 3, 6:30pm, Conf Rm and Zoom, discussing *An Awakening Heart* by Barbara Dowd Wright
- **Congregational Worship and Picnic** – September 27 at High Point City Lake Park
- **Church Anniversary Lovefeast** during worship and **Special Concert** following worship – October 4
- **Congregational Retreat** – Laurel Ridge, October 24-26

UPCOMING CALENDAR

Sun, July 26	Island Style Worship and Lovefeast (11am, Sanctuary)
Wed, July 29	Candle Tea Crafters (2pm, NFH, Craft Room) Praise Band Practice (6pm, OFH) Choir Rehearsal (7:30pm, Sanctuary)
Thurs, July 30	Line Dancing (11am-12:30pm, OFH) Endowment Committee (6:30pm, OFH & Zoom)
Sun, Aug. 2	Candle Tea Area Chairs Luncheon (12:15pm, OFH)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Ann Curtis, 29th

Geoff Cass, 30th

Randy Price, 30th

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