

First Moravian Church



Vision Statement

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

Watchword for 2026

My dwelling place shall be over them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Ezekiel 37:27

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026

11:00 am Worship

Rev. Barbara Styers, Pastor

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>Adagio</i>	Marcello
Chiming of the Hour		
Welcome and Announcements		Meredith Cohoon
Introit	<i>Praise to the Lord</i>	Melody Bober
Call to Worship* (based on Ps.138:1-2, 5)		Meredith Cohoon
Leader: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart I sing your praise;!		
People: I bow down toward your holy temple and give you thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted your name and your word above everything..		
Leader: Let us sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is God's glory!		
Liturgy*	Peace and Justice (pp. 148-153)	Donna Royster
Prayer of Intercession		Meredith Cohoon
Hymn*	<i>Built on the Rock</i>	MBW #512

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture	Rev. Barbara M. Styers
Isaiah 51:1-6	
Romans 12:1-8	
Matthew 16:13-20	
Sermon	Rev. Barbara M. Styers

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn*	<i>Called Together and United</i>	MBW #624
Offering Our Gifts		Rev. Barbara M. Styers
Invitation to the Offering		
Offertory	<i>He Is a Rock</i>	Michael Bennett
Doxology*		
Prayer of Dedication*		

WE CARRY GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

Hymn*

Whatever God Ordains Is Right

MBW #718

Benediction*

Rev. Barbara M. Styers

Chiming of the Hour*

Postlude

Praise the Lord God Almighty

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

SUNDAY STAMPEDE: SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR LINDLEY ELEMENTARY Sunday Staple Stampede: Paper towels, Lysol wipes, and Expo dry-erase markers (fine tip and thick tip) are at the top of the list of school supplies requested by Lindley Elementary School. Other school supplies are also needed, along with cash donations for the Lindley PTA to purchase more of what students need. Stores such as Office Depot now have sales on school supplies and are stocked for school openings later this month. Be sure to add these items to your shopping list and help us fill the little red wheelbarrow in the narthex each Sunday during August. (Also needed: glue sticks; crayons (8-count boxes for kindergarten, 24-count boxes for grades 1-5); notebooks; pink rectangular erasers; folders (plastic/poly with pockets and 2-prong with pockets); scissors; yellow No. 2 pencils; colored pencils; highlighters; 2-inch 3-ring binders; wide-ruled loose-leaf notebook paper; multi-colored index cards.)

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.

FIRST MORAVIAN GOES TO THE HOPPERS

Join your First Moravian family for an evening of baseball as the Greensboro Grasshoppers take on the Hub City Spartanburgers on Saturday, August 29! Gates open at 6pm, first pitch is at 6:30pm, with fireworks after the game. Friends and neighbors are invited, too! Tickets are \$20 but the church will cover half of the cost of children and youth tickets, making their tickets just \$10. Additional financial assistance is available (contact Pastor Barbara or Greg Cohoon). Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/y9HzkDxJUfueQJpi6> .

SUBMIT YOUR FAVORITE HYMNS FOR A SINGSTUNDE!

Send Pastor Barbara the names of a few of your favorite hymns and we'll incorporate as many as possible in the September 6 worship service.

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

The FMC Book Club returns Monday, August 31 at 6:30pm in Old Fellowship Hall to discuss *The Bookmark* by Anne Supsic. Contact Pastor Barbara if you'd like her to order a copy for you.

About the book:

1777. Wounded at the Battle of Brandywine, the Marquis de Lafayette is brought to the isolated Moravian community of Bethlehem, PA to recover. He's cared for by Liesl Boeckel, a Single Sister with little patience for the arrogant Frenchman and his unwelcome curiosity about her life.

2005. When Abbey Prescott inherits her grandmother's house in Bethlehem, she finds an eighteenth-century bookmark that hints at a romance between Liesl and Lafayette – and sets out to solve the mystery, even as she navigates the aftershocks of a failed love affair and possible entanglement of her own.

OTHER CONGREGATIONAL EVENTS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!

- Congregational Worship and Picnic – September 27 at High Point City Lake Park
- Church Anniversary Lovefeast during worship and Special Concert following worship – October 4
- Animal Blessing – October 11 (late afternoon; tentative)
- Congregational Retreat – Laurel Ridge, October 24-26
- Church Council – November 1 following worship

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sun, Aug 23	Sunday School (9:45am, Library) Worship (11:00am, Sanctuary) Church Board (12:30pm, Conference Room)
Wed Aug 26	Candle Tea Crafters (2pm, NFH, Craft Room) Praise Band Practice (6pm, OFH)
Wed. Aug 26	Line Dancing (11am-12:30pm, OFH)
Sat, Aug 29	FMC goes to the Hoppers game

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Kelly McLean, 25th

Georgia Lineback, 25th

Hunter Johnson,
26th

Alan Turner, 26th

Gail Haworth, 27th

Donovan Kopp,
29th

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