

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

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2026

11:00 am Worship

Rev. Barbara Styers, Pastor

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK

If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves
and take up their cross and follow me. Matthew 16:24

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude	<i>A Mighty Fortress</i>	Rinck
Chiming of the Hour		
Welcome and Announcements		Meredith Cohoon
Introit	<i>Abide with Me</i>	W. Sterndale Bennett
Call to Worship* (Psalm 105:1-3, 45b)		Meredith Cohoon
Leader: O give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known his deeds among the peoples.		
People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.		
Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.		
People: Praise the Lord!		
Liturgy*	Discipleship (pp. 37-42)	Russ Walker
Prayer of Intercession		Meredith Cohoon
Back to School Blessing		Meredith Cohoon and Rev. Barbara Styers
Hymn*	<i>"Take Up Your Cross," the Savior Said</i>	MBW #758

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture	Rev. Barbara M. Styers	
Romans 12:9-21		
Matthew 16:21-28		
Sermon	Rev. Barbara M. Styers	

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts	Rev. Barbara M. Styers	
Invitation to the Offering		
Offertory	<i>Come Follow Me</i>	J. Paul Williams and Joseph M. Martin
Doxology*		
Prayer of Dedication*		

WE CARRY GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

Hymn*	<i>Rise Up, O Saints of God!</i>	MBW #628
Benediction*	Rev. Barbara M. Styers	

Chiming of the Hour*

Postlude

Praise Be to Thee Jesus Christ

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

SUNDAY STAMPEDE: SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR LINDLEY

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.

SUGGEST YOUR FAVORITE HYMNS FOR A SINGSTUNDE

Send Pastor Barbara the names of a few of your favorite hymns by September 3 and she will incorporate as many as possible in the September 6 service.

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

The FMC Book Club meets Monday, August 31 at 6:30pm in Old Fellowship Hall to discuss *The Bookmark* by Anne Supsic.

ANNUAL PUTZ PREPARATION

It's nearly time once again to put out the putz! Volunteers are needed—no experience necessary. Assembly times have been scheduled for: September 12, September 19, and September 26, 10:00am–1:00pm. Meet in NFH.

MAKERS ON THE MOUNTAIN: A MORAVIAN ARTISAN EVENT

10:00am to 6:00pm September 5th at Laurel Ridge.

Admission is free; donations are accepted for Laurel Ridge dam repairs.

Experience live demonstrations, shop handcrafted gifts, and learn the craft! Come hungry! There will be a food truck on site plus plenty of activities to enjoy throughout the day, including hand thrown pottery by Andrew Craver, crocheted and needle-felted items from Moravians in Nepal, Czech glass bead bracelets, handmade jewelry, and other treasures. Music will be provided by the Jeremiah McKinley Band and The Side Jam, featuring Daniel Weber.

SEPTEMBER 13 IS THE MORAVIAN DAY OF SERVICE

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 raises funds to support all program areas at Greensboro Urban Ministry (GUM). Every dollar raised will help provide food, shelter, resources and hope for residents in Greensboro and Guilford County. Register at <https://stepsofhope.funraise.org>.

CONGREGATIONAL EVENTS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!

- **Congregational Worship & Picnic** – Sept. 27, High Point City Lake Park
- **Church Anniversary Lovefeast** during worship with a **reception** and **Special Concert** later in the afternoon – October 4
- **Animal Blessing** – October 11 (late afternoon; tentative)
- **Congregational Retreat** – Laurel Ridge, October 24-26

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sun, Aug 30	Sunday School (9:45am, Library) Worship (11:00am, Sanctuary)
Mon, Aug 31	Book Club (6:30pm, OFH)
Wed, Sept 2	Candle Tea Crafters (2pm, NFH, Craft Room) Praise Band Practice (6pm, OFH)
Thurs, Sept 3	Line Dancing (11am-12:30pm, OFH)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Rebecca Post May, 31 st	Toni Burroughs, 3 rd Jennifer Post 4 th	Madeleine Castelli, 4 th
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