

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

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2026

11:00 am Worship

Rev. Dr. Craig Troutman, Guest Pastor

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits.

Psalm 103:2

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude *Cornet Voluntary* Travers

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements Meredith Cohoon

Introit *Rejoice, the Lord is King* Rev. John Darwell
Arr., Henry Pfohl

Call to Worship* (Psalm 103:8,11-12) Meredith Cohoon

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

People: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: For as in the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, Aso he removes our transgressions from us.

People: Bless the LORD, O my soul, bless his holy name!

Liturgy* Reconciliation (pp. 13-17) Beth Smith

Prayer of Intercession Meredith Cohoon

Hymn* Father, Now Your Sinful Child MBW #779

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Rev. Dr. Craig Troutman
Matthew 18:15-35

Sermon Rev. Dr. Craig Troutman

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Offering Our Gifts Rev. Dr. Craig Troutman

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Immortal, Invisible* Eric H. Thiman

Doxology*

Prayer of Dedication*

WE CARRY GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

Hymn* *Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive* MBW #777

Benediction* Rev. Dr. Craig Troutman

Chiming of the Hour*

Postlude *Exalt His Name* Cooke

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

FLOWER DEDICATION

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the wedding of Remy Styers and Jake Morris on September 12, by Pastor Barbara and Gray Styers.

SEPTEMBER JOYFUL NOISE:

GREENSBORO URBAN MINISTRY'S STEPS OF HOPE

The Mission Committee encourages the First Moravian family to take part Sunday, Sept. 13, in our annual Day of Service project: supporting Greensboro Urban Ministry's Steps of Hope. Church members can participate in two ways: by signing up to walk next Sunday, or by donating to September's Joyful Noise offering.

The walk will take place at Barber Park 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. Look for more information on page 3 of the weekly newsletter, or visit <https://stepsofhope.fundraiser.org>.

A celebration: Thanks to everyone who contributed school supplies or cash during August's Sunday Staple Stampede in support of Lindley Elementary School. We collected 10 rolls of paper towels, 11 containers of Lysol wipes, 14 spiral notebooks, 10 folders, 5 packs of notebook paper, 3 composition books, 96 dry-erase markers, 7 scissors, 1 pack of markers, 8 boxes of colored pencils, 7 packs of index cards, 139 pencils, 4 pencil sharpeners, 14 erasers, 18 glue sticks, 23 boxes of crayons, and 1 backpack.

Fill the box: This month's emphasis is salt-free black beans. 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.

NEXT FMC BOOK CLUB: OCTOBER 5 AT 6:30PM

The FMC Book Club meets Monday, October 5 at 6:30pm in Old Fellowship Hall to discuss *Bookends* by Liz Curtis Higgs. Let Pastor Barbara know if you need help acquiring a copy of the book.

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 19 and September 26, 10:00am–1:00pm. Meet in NFH.

CONGREGATIONAL EVENTS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!

- **Congregational Worship & Picnic** – Sept. 27, High Point City Lake Park
- **Church Anniversary Lovefeast** and recognition of Gay Cass' service as Treasurer during worship, reception following; concert and hot dog supper at 4:00pm – October 4
- **Animal Blessing** – October 11 (4:00pm)
- **Congregational Retreat** – Laurel Ridge, October 24-26

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sun, Sept 13	Sunday School (9:45am, Library) Worship (11:00am, Sanctuary)
Wed, Sept 16	Candle Tea Crafters (2:00pm, NFH, Craft Room) Praise Band Practice (6:00pm, OFH) Choir Rehearsal (7:30pm, Sanctuary)
Thurs, Sept 17	Line Dancing (11am-12:30pm, OFH)
Sat, Sept 19	Putz set up (10:00am, NFH)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Ella Mitchell 20th

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2026 CHURCH BOARD

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Mike Cockman	Charles McKinney	Bev Lozano
Vince Holbrook	James Paul	Lauren Petersen
Beth Smith	Keegan Smith, <i>vice chair</i>	Penny Wofford