

## Join Us

We invite you to join us on Sunday to learn more about us and our church. Our faith can be summed up in just a few words: "In essentials, unity; In non-essentials, liberty; In all things, love." If this simple message of love appeals to you, come join us. For further information, contact the church office at (336) 272-2196 or office@greensboromoravian.org www.greensboromoravian.org.

## Sunday Service Schedule

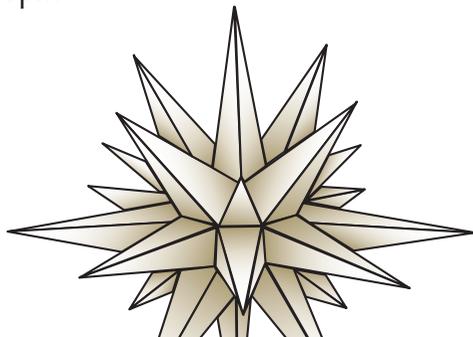
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Traditional Service

## Christmas Lovefeast

The Lovefeast is a worship service celebrated by the congregation partaking in a simple meal of Moravian coffee and a slightly sweetened bun while singing a liturgy consisting exclusively of hymns. It is a service in the spirit of the agape meal of the early Christians as they gathered to express their love for the Savior and one another. The Lovefeast is not a sacrament and visitors from the community are invited to attend.

## Christmas Eve Lovefeast Schedule

Children's Lovefeast Service 3pm  
Lovefeast Service 5:30pm  
Lovefeast Service 8pm



## Sanctuary (Main Church Building)

Welcome and Overview, Music

## Tavern (Old Fellowship Hall Building)

Enjoy Moravian sugar cake, sweet coffee and lemonade at no charge. Relax in front of our fireplace while watching Moravian cookie rolling demonstrations and musical performances.

## New Fellowship Hall

### Upstairs

The Christmas Putz  
Moravian Stars  
Candle Trimming  
Artisans  
Advent Wreaths

### Baked Goods

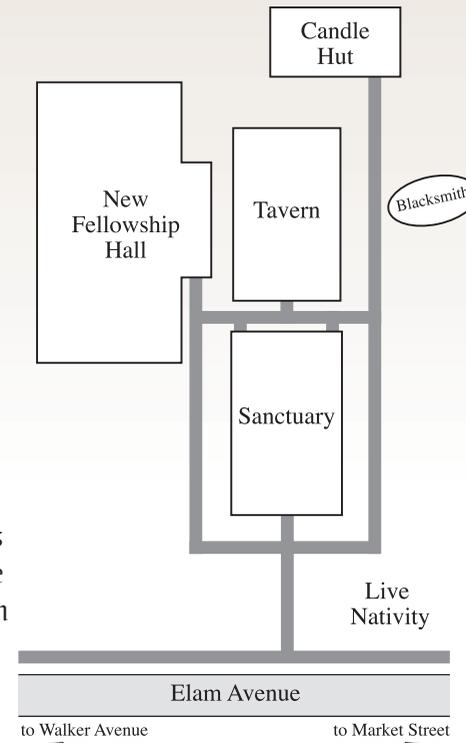
Apple Dumplings  
Gingerbread  
Homemade baked goods

### Downstairs:

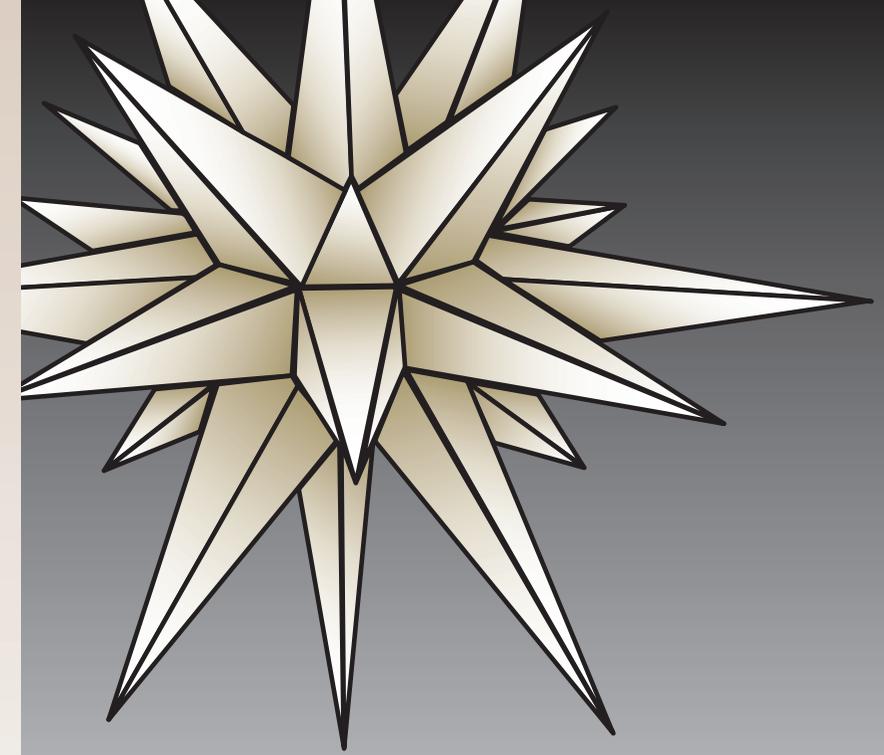
Chicken Pies  
Candle Tea Store:  
featuring a  
variety of  
handmade items  
Moravian Sugar Cake  
Mrs. Hanes Moravian  
Cookies  
Cheese Straws  
Lovefeast Buns

## Candle Hut

Beeswax Candle  
Making



For directions or information ask any costumed member.



# Candle Tea 2018

**First Moravian Church  
Greensboro, NC**

*United in Christ, Reaching out with love,  
Changing lives.*

Join Us Sundays • 11:00 Service  
All are Welcome

## Welcome to First Moravian Church of Greensboro.

The simple tradition known as Candle Tea marks the start of Advent and the Christmas season for many Greensboro residents. As part of our celebration, guests are greeted by hosts in early Moravian dress, demonstrating many traditions dating back hundreds of years. Tour our church grounds and enjoy beautiful music and talks on Moravian history in our Church Sanctuary. Watch and experience fragrant beeswax candles made in our Candle Hut. Relax in our Tavern while enjoying sweet coffee, lemonade and delicious Moravian sugar cake at no charge. Venture on to the New Fellowship Hall where you will find our putz (a miniature Christmas scene), ladies trimming candles, Moravian stars, pottery, advent wreaths, chicken pies with gravy, gingerbread, Moravian baked goods, crafts, artists and other amazing finds! The money we raise at Candle Tea is used toward mission projects, both locally and internationally. It also helps fund congregational programs and building projects at First Moravian.

Moravians were some of North Carolina's first settlers, establishing communities in Bethabara, Bethania, and then the larger community in Old Salem. First Moravian Church of Greensboro was founded in 1908. We are proud to celebrate our 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the Greensboro community.

## The Candle Tea

Candle Tea commemorates early Moravian customs during the settlement of North Carolina. It is a tradition that holds a special place at First Moravian Church; this is our 56<sup>th</sup> year welcoming visitors to our church for Candle Tea. Please tour the church grounds, enjoy the sites and learn more about Moravians through our traditions and celebrations.

## The Christmas Putz

Sometimes referred to as "our gift to the community," the Christmas Putz is a retelling of the story of Christ's birth. Putz is from the German word "putzen," meaning to decorate. The figures in our putz are displayed amidst moss, driftwood and rocks. The building of a putz is unique to the Moravians; the first North Carolina settlers brought their figures with them when they settled here. Our putz was first created in 1962 by Elizabeth (Libby) Holder. It is a work in progress, evolving and changing each year.

## The Moravian Star

The Moravian star, also called the Advent star or Christmas star is a pointed star with many possible configurations. It originated in Niesky, Germany around 1850 as a geometry problem for students. The rays of the star symbolize the greatness of God who made the universe, the star which lead the wise men to the Christ Child and the bright morning star, Christ Jesus. Handmade paper stars and traditional lighted Christmas stars can be viewed and purchased upstairs in our New Fellowship Hall building.

## The Advent Wreath

The Advent Wreath is a circular wreath of greenery which speaks of God's never-ending love for us and for the life God gives us all. The wreath is topped with four candles, one lighted for each Sunday in Advent. These candles symbolize (in order) our preparation for the Messiah's birth, the coming of the Lord in glory, the sharing of Christ's love with the world and the glad tidings of great joy now at hand. At the center of the four candles is a Moravian star, representing Christ, the Morning star. Beautiful, hand-made wreaths can be purchased upstairs in our New Fellowship Hall building. These wreaths can become a cherished tradition in your home, keeping Christ as the center of Christmas and for teaching the true meaning of Christmas.

## Music in the Sanctuary

### Friday, November 30

3:00 James Esterline, Piano

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4:00 Morning Star Singers

4:30 Greensboro Strings

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6:00 First Moravian Bellchor

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7:00 Living Nativity (Outside)

7:30 First Moravian Adult Choir

8:00 First Moravian Band (Outside)

### Saturday, December 1

10:00 Grimsley High School Madrigals

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11:00 Morning Star Singers

11:30 First Moravian Band (Outside)

12:30 First Moravian Band (Outside)

1:00 First Moravian Bellchor

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2:00 First Moravian Adult Choir

## Music In The Tavern

### Friday, November 30

Flute Trios and Walker Street Fiddlers

### Saturday, December 1

Piano Music