



# HOME MORAVIAN CHURCH

*Welcome Home*



[HomeMoravian.org](http://HomeMoravian.org)

**Sunday, May 10, 2026**

Founded 1771

**Fulfilling Christ's call to love God, live in community, and serve our neighbor.**

*"Let thine eye be opened toward this house night and day,  
even toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there."*

- Text for the day on which the Site of Salem was selected.

Salem Square

Winston-Salem, NC

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**MAY 10, 2026**  
**WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:00 A.M.**

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK: “Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.” Psalm 66:12

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS..... The Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood

PRELUDE:

*Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus*..... arr. Dale Wood (1934-2003)

CALL TO WORSHIP

LITURGY: *Liturgy of the Word*

(standing)

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

**God sends out God’s command to the earth; God’s word runs swiftly.**

*T. Hus*

*The word of God, which ne’er shall cease  
Proclaims free pardon, grace, and peace,  
Salvation shows in Christ alone,  
The perfect will of God made known.*

We praise you, God the Father, the God of all creation;

**We praise you, God who speaks life into being.**

We praise you, God the Son, Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen;

**We praise you, Word made flesh.**

We praise you, God the Spirit, present with us;

**Through your power we speak God’s praises and give voice to the desires of our heart.**

We desire the peace of God. We desire reconciliation with God. We come before God, confessing our sins.

(sitting)

**Dear Father of the living Word, we confess that we have done harm with the words we speak: words that wound, words that demean, words that push our brothers and sisters to the margins of life. The words we should speak, we have not spoken: words of kindness, words of justice, words of hope. We misuse your gift of language: deceiving one another, taking unfair advantage, justifying ourselves and concealing our sins. With the same tongues that bless the Lord and Father, we have cursed those made in the likeness of God. For wrong words, for wasted words, for necessary words unspoken, forgive us, we pray; and renew our voices to sing your praises, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Hear these words of comfort: When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, God forgives our transgressions. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

**Let the Word of Christ dwell in us richly. Let us teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in our hearts let us sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.**

*T. Bread of Life*

*O, send your Spirit, Lord,  
now unto me,  
Come, Lord, and touch my eyes and make me see.  
Show me the truth concealed within your word,  
that in your book revealed I see my Lord.*

(standing)

For the words of Christ, recorded in Scripture,

**Let us be thankful.**

In the words of Christ, bringing healing and life,

**Let us find wholeness.**

To the words of Christ, challenging our preconceptions,

**Let us be attentive.**

With the words of Christ, calling us to ministry,

**Let us be filled; let us hear the call and respond with willing hearts.**

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace, comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word.

**Thanks and praise to God, whose love is revealed in the words of scripture and in the Word made flesh.**

*T. Holy Lord*

*Holy Lord, holy Lord,*

*Thanks and praise be yours, O Lord,*

*That your word to us is given, teaching us with love outpoured*

*That as Lord of earth and heaven, everlasting life for us to gain,*

*You were slain, you were slain.*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 68:16-20

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.

**I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.**

If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

**But truly God has listened; he has heard to the words of my prayer.**

Blessed be God,

**who has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.**

John 14: 15-21

During the next hymn, children aged 3 through 3rd grade may follow Children's Worship leaders to continue with worship in CE-106.

HYMN 646 – Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak .....T. Canonbury

MINISTRY AND CHRISTIAN VOCATION

**646 Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak**

1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in  
2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the  
3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the  
4 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so  
wan - d'ring and the wav - 'ring feet. O feed me, Lord, that  
pre - cious truths which you im - part. And wing my words that  
as you will, and when, and where, un - til your bless - ed

let me seek your err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.  
I may feed your hun - gry ones with man - na sweet.  
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

TEXT: Frances R. Havergal (1872), alt.  
TUNE: Arr. from Robert Schumann (1839)

L.M.  
CANONBURY

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Peter 3:13-22 ..... The Rev. Ginny Hege Tobiassen

SERMON

HYMN 603 - *O Jesus, I Have Promised*.....T. Angel's Story

INVITATION AND RESPONSE

**603**      **O Jesus, I Have Promised**

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
2 O let me feel you near me, the world is ev - er near:  
3 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,  
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

be now and ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.  
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.  
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.  
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vants shall be too.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,  
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in,  
O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
but, Je - sus, draw still near - er and shield my soul from sin!  
and speak to make me lis - ten, O guard - ian of my soul.  
O give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

TEXT: John E. Bode [1868], alt.  
TUNE: Arthur H. Mann [1883]

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ANGEL'S STORY

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY INVITATION ..... Rev. Dr. Atwood

*The offertory provides an opportunity to reflect on the many ways that we can express our gratitude in response to God: with time, treasure, talents, and testimony. For financial giving online: Use the Moravian Ministries Foundation giving portal at <https://mmfa.info/giving-portal/>. Click the DONATE tab on any page of the Home Church website. For more information, go to [homemoravian.org/donate](http://homemoravian.org/donate). You can make one-time or recurring gifts. Text HOME to 73256 on your phone.*

ANTHEM: *If You Love Me* ..... Thomas Tallis, arr. James McKelvy  
Home Church Choir

If you love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray to the Father, and he will give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth.

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD..... Rev. Tobiassen

HYMN – *O God of Ev'ry Nation*..... T. Aurelia

O God of ev'ry nation, of ev'ry race and land,  
redeem your whole creation with your almighty hand;  
where hate and fear divide us, and bitter threats are hurled,  
in love and mercy guide us, and heal our strife-torn world.

From search for wealth and power and scorn of truth and right,  
from trust in bombs that shower destruction through the night,  
from pride of race and station and blindness to your way,  
deliver ev'ry nation, eternal God, we pray.

Lord, strengthen all who labor that all may find release  
from fear of rattling saber, from dread of war's increase,  
when hope and courage falter, Lord, let your voice be heard;  
with faith that none can alter, your servants undergird.

Keep bright in us the vision of days when war shall cease,  
when hatred and division give way to love and peace,  
till dawns the morning glorious when truth and justice reign,  
and Christ shall rule victorious o'er all the world's domain.

BENEDICTION

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE – Hymn 832, *The Grace of Our Lord*

*While singing, we extend the right hand of fellowship.  
We invite you to continue your fellowship as you exit during the postlude.*

SERVICE MUSIC

### 832 **The Grace of Our Lord**

The musical score for 'The Grace of Our Lord' is presented in three systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'The grace of our Lord Je - sus Christ, and the love of God, and the com - mu - nion of the Ho - ly Spir - it, be with us all, be with us all. A - men.'

TEXT: 2 Corinthians 13:13  
TUNE: Christian Gregor (1763)

Irregular  
(540 E)

POSTLUDE: *Toccata in Seven*.....John Rutter (b. 1945)

### **SUNDAY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING**

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP, CE-106, 10:20 a.m. (ages 3 and up), Jesus Commissions the Disciples

FEASTING ON THE WORD, 11:15 a.m., CE-101 and Zoom

BIBLE DISCUSSION, 11:15 a.m., Club Room and Zoom

ZINZENDORF: THE MAN, THE MYTH, THE LEGEND, 11:15 a.m., Saal

CHILDREN'S POWER HOUR, 11:15 a.m., CE Building

YOUTH POWER HOUR, 11:15 a.m., Lot 63

## **Announcements**

**We extend a cordial welcome to all visitors** this morning and invite you to join us again whenever possible. Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Register, pass it both ways in your pew, and greet those near you. After the service, pick up a beverage in the serving room off the Sanctuary, and enjoy fellowship.

**The flowers** are placed in the Sanctuary today in loving memory of *Dale A. and Sarah H. Sorensen, Lonnie H. and Annie B. Hunter, Thomas E. Hunter, William F. and Betty H. Hunter, Carl T. Winfrey, and Miranda T. Long* by the family.

**The boutonnieres** are provided for the ministers and ushers today with much love in honor of *Carolyn Phelps and Jennifer Hauser Meyers*, and in memory of our mothers *Virginia Jarvis and Mary Jane Hauser* by Ginger and Gary Hauser.

**We welcome interim music director Jacob Cook!** Jacob is an experienced choral director and worship leader, currently serving as Chorus Teacher at West Forsyth High School and supporting several local congregations through interim and substitute music ministry roles.

**Our Youth invite us to a special Lunch and Learn on May 17!**

Following worship, our congregation can learn from our youth about the history of Happy Hill and the Shotgun House Legacy Site. A lunch of traditional soul food will be prepared and served by the youth, who will also bring materials from the Shotgun House project to tell us more about the mission of the museum and the history it will preserve. Abrea Armstrong, Executive Director of Triad Cultural Arts, will be present, along with Home Church members involved with the project. Come and enjoy lunch, fellowship, education, and engagement!

**Home Church is hosting the Winston-Salem Street School's**

**2026 graduation** on Thursday, May 28 at 6:30 pm, and we need outside greeters to guide guests from parking to the sanctuary. If you know the way, you're ready to help. You will be done by 8:00 pm! Contact Mark Wright at [allcomm21@gmail.com](mailto:allcomm21@gmail.com) or 336-618-1962. The Street School provides an alternative path for students to earn their high school diploma.

**Save the Date!** Our Annual Church Picnic will take place on Sunday, May 31, immediately following worship. We'll enjoy a potluck meal in the Fellowship Hall, with chicken provided by the church, and then gather for dessert on The Square. Please bring your favorite covered dish (or dishes) to share (no desserts, as the church will provide them!). We hope you'll join us!

**Personals**

**We embrace in sympathy** Paul Shamel, whose wife, Dianna, died May 3.

## CALENDAR

- Sunday - 10:00 am Worship Service  
11:00 am Distribution of Directories, Outside Saal  
11:15 am Educational Programming (see box)
- Monday - 6:30 pm Trustees Meeting, Club Room
- Tuesday - 12:00 pm Circle 8, Sunnyside Ministries  
6:30 pm Beginner Band, RB-5  
7:30 pm Chorale Band, RB-5
- Wednesday - 7:00 am Breakfast, Cagney's Restaurant  
9:00 am Stewardship Committee, Club Room  
Candle Tea Meeting, Parlor  
2:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry, Parlor  
4:00 pm Unity Women's Crafting Group, Parlor
- Thursday - 3:45 pm Wachovia Historical Society, Club Room  
11:30am Men of Church Lunch, Club Room  
5:30 pm Gregor BellChor, Bell Room  
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal, RB-5
- Saturday - 8:30 am Women's Walk, Tanglewood
- Next Sunday - 10:00 am Worship Service

**Youth News:** Come to Lot 63 this morning to plan our Shotgun House Lunch and Learn next week!

## **Scripture Meditation 5/10/2026**

*“In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.” – John 14:19*

Jesus tells the disciples (and us) that, although he will soon depart from the world, we will still see him. But apart from artistic depictions, we don't literally see Jesus, so what does he mean? What does Jesus want us to know about his presence, even after his human life has ended?

I think it boils down to a third question: “Where do *you* find God?” Last week, Kate read one of my favorite passages in the Bible, also from the Gospel of John, where Jesus says “In my father's house, there are many rooms.” For me, this is a passage about individuality, and many different ways we can find God in this life. In our passage today, Jesus is asking us to be attentive to those things that call to us, that feel as though they have a special meaning.

For some, artistic expression, like painting, music, or dance, might be the place in which they find a connection to God. For others, it might be a sport that they play and the camaraderie they find with their teammates. For others, it might be reading or writing or cooking. Church is the intentional place we go to commune with God, but life is full of opportunities to put our God-given talents to good use. In doing so, we connect with God's purpose for us, and our diverse skills and interests weave the tapestry of our community. – Philip

May 31  
11AM - 2PM

# CHURCH PICNIC

Food, Fellowship, and Fun



Potluck Meal in the Fellowship Hall  
Chicken Provided  
Ice Cream Sundaes  
on the Square

\*Please, no desserts for the potluck.  
Dessert will be provided.



A graphic for a church photo directory. It features a blue and white starburst in the top left corner. Below it is a photograph of a church at night with lights on. A blue banner with a white starburst shape contains the text "READY FOR PICK UP!". To the right of the banner is a blue and white megaphone. Below the banner is a light blue box containing two bullet points. At the bottom of the graphic is a white box with a blue border containing an asterisked note. The text "Home Church Photo Directory" is at the top right. The text "Home Moravian Church" and "Winston-Salem, NC" is visible on the photo.

# Home Church Photo Directory

**READY FOR  
PICK UP!**

- The church photo directory will be available for pickup on Sunday, May 10, after the worship service on the front lawn by the Saal door.
- Weekday pickup is also available in the church office during regular office hours.

\*Photo directories will be available to every family whose photo appears in the book. After the initial pickup period, we will assess whether additional copies are needed.

**The Candle Tea Committee** is already planning a successful 2026 Candle Tea Event! We need helpers from the congregation to join in the process of making candles on the following dates/times:

**Candle Making:**

- Friday, June 26 and Saturday, June 27
- Friday, July 24 and Saturday July 25

***2 shifts available:***

- 10AM to 12PM and 12PM to 2PM on Fridays
- 10AM to 12PM and 12PM to 3PM on Saturdays

*Candle  
Tea*

*Women's Fellowship ~ Home Moravian Church*

## Save the Date! Sunday, June 14, 4-6 PM

The Home Church Community Engagement Team and the Forsyth IAF Sponsoring Committee invite you to...

- **Build Relationships**
- **Be a Witness for Your Values**
- **Strengthen the Church's Voice in the Community**

Since February 2023, members of our Home Church Community Engagement Team (CET) have talked with more than 100 Home Church members to hear their concerns for the people of Forsyth County. Among the top concerns were **homelessness; education; and access to mental health care.**

By building relationships with members of other local churches and institutions, our CET has learned that these same concerns are top priorities across Forsyth County.

On Sunday, June 14, the CET will draw on the power of relationships to make a difference in Forsyth County. We will join with hundreds of Forsyth's faithful to meet with city, county, and corporate leaders, asking them for commitments to specific, practical proposals that address our shared concerns.

Because there is strength, voice, and credibility in numbers, the goal is to assemble 1,000 people. **Home Church has pledged to bring at least 50 members and friends!**

To see the proposals, use the QR code in the left corner. If you find that they align with your values and your concerns, **we hope you'll use the QR code in the right corner to register for the Founding Assembly.**

God gives voice to the church to transform the world—and **EACH CHURCH MEMBER'S PRESENCE AT THIS ASSEMBLY STRENGTHENS THE CHURCH'S VOICE IN THE COMMUNITY.**

Sunday, June 14, 4-6 PM, Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1075 Shalimar Dr., Winston-Salem



Need a ride?  
Call the church office  
to arrange a carpool!





# Celebrate Mother's Day

WITH THE

## Salemtowne Offering



Your gift to the Life Enrichment Program brings meaningful moments to older adults in Assisted Living and Memory Care—moments that might not happen without your support. From music that sparks memories to hands-on activities that engage the senses, each day becomes an opportunity for connection and friendship.



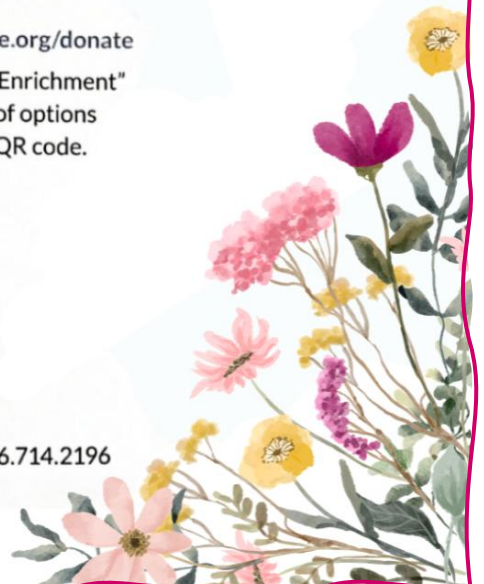
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## Women's Fellowship: Let's Go for a Walk!

Join women of Home Church this spring for fellowship and a little fitness through our monthly walk series. We'll meet at 8:30AM, walk two to three miles, and finish at a nearby coffee shop or with a parking lot tailgate.

- **Saturday, May 16: Tanglewood**
- **Saturday, June 13: Reynolda Gardens**

**Ready to sign up?** Use the QR code below. (You'll receive more details about each walk the week before it takes place.)



**Need more information?**  
Contact Laura Watson (sidesofla@aol.com).



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### Prayer Tree

To learn more about prayer concerns or to share your own, email Katherine Petree [katherine@thepetrees.net](mailto:katherine@thepetrees.net) or contact the church office.

*Requests for prayer will only be shared with the congregation with the permission of the individual or family.*

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# Keep My Commandments

The first covenant between God and the chosen flock was made between God and Abraham. This covenant was flawed by our humanity, always wanting more but doing less. This covenant was also vulnerable to our desires either for good or ill. God sent Jesus to be the ultimate human as well as God in flesh. Jesus spent a little over three years talking, walking, healing, inspiring, and blessing.

Jesus was our example of all things good. All he wants from us is to keep the commandments: The first is, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

It sounds easy, but it is not. Loving God is following the first four commandments of the Ten Commandments, those outlining our behavior toward God. Loving our neighbor is the remaining six and likewise our obligation to those. The question is, who is my neighbor? My family, friends, people who live in my neighborhood?

The real answer is that our neighbor is everybody else in the world. This includes the road hog on the highway, the person with a full grocery cart who gets in the express lane, the thief, the bully, even political leaders we don't like.

When I am in prayer, I try not to tell God directly what to do. I will ask for healing (whatever form that takes) or to give someone discernment of a kinder universe. Sometimes I think that loving someone could also be agreeing to disagree.

Love is the most important concept in the entire Bible; it is also the most difficult at times. God wants us to try as hard as we can to be and do good. That's all.

*Martha E. Griffis, Central Moravian Church,  
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania*

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## The Moravian Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026



**HOME**  
MORAVIAN CHURCH

*Welcome Home*

Virginia Hege Tobiassen, *Pastor*      Craig Atwood, *Associate Pastor*  
Jacob Cook, *Interim Director of Music*      Edwin Walker, *Interim Organist*  
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