The Fairview Dispatch



Fairview Moravian Church

Serving God and Serving You Since 1895

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Pastors Corner

The Unexpected Blessing

We get unexpected, good outcomes when we consider things in a totally different way. I find this to be true when I look beyond "Time, Talent, and Treasure" during the Stewardship Season. A faithful offering to God of our time, talent, and treasure is giving back to God, **for God' plan and purpose**. God multiplies our sincere gifts as we learn in Matthew 19:29 (NLT) ²⁹ And everyone who has given up houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or property, for my sake, will receive a **hundred times as much in return** and will inherit eternal life. Unexpected gifts and blessings in return?

In his book *The Prodigal God*, best-selling author and pastor Timothy Keller offers the following story to illustrate self-centered giving:

Once upon a time there was a gardener who grew an enormous carrot. So, he took it to his king and said, "My Lord, this is the greatest carrot I've ever grown or ever will grow. Therefore, I want to present it to you as a token of my love and respect for you." The king was touched and discerned the man's heart, so as [the gardener] turned to go the king said, "Wait! You are clearly a good steward of the earth. I own a plot of land right next to yours. I want to give it to you freely as a gift so you can garden it all." And the gardener was amazed and delighted and went home rejoicing. But there was a nobleman at the king's court who overheard all this. And he said, "My! If that is what you get for a carrot—what if you gave the king something better?" So the next day the nobleman came before the king and he was leading a handsome black stallion. He bowed low and said.

"My lord, I breed horses and this is the greatest horse I have ever bred or ever will. Therefore I want to present it to you as a token of my love and respect for you." But the king discerned his heart and said thank you, and took the horse and merely dismissed him. The nobleman was perplexed. So the king said, "Let me explain. That gardener was giving *me* the carrot, but you were giving *yourself* the horse."

Jesus' ministry is strong and vital Fairview and has great potential to grow when we give God a "carrot from our garden" for His use. Our simple gifts are essential when given freely to God. These sincere and simple gifts include: our worship, Bible study, prayer, involvement in ministry and outreach—all to the glory of God's Kingdom. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Pastor Tony



<u>Lifting in Prayer</u>

Our Church Family Prayer List: Emily A. (Scott) and Baby Emma, William A., Michael B., Judy B., Nancy D., Anna Frances and Alden, Corky F., Riff F., Sheri F., Sondra G., Rev. Don G., John H., Leslie V., Lanny K., Jean and Harvey L., Linda M., Penny R., Pat S.p, Sandy S., Lindsay T., Linda T., Cleo W., Melinda Y..

Friends and Family Prayer List: Taylor C. (husband to Ann C.), Jacob H. (grandson of Dorcas and Ken H.), John H. (cousin to Sandy S.), Jerry (uncle to Sharlene M.), the family of Jolleen J., Gary M.(friend of Pam T.), Pastor Jimmy N., Darlene R. (friend of Sondra G.), Sandy R. (friend of Sandy S.), Beverly S. (daughter of Nancy D.), Al V. (friend of Pam T.), Baylor Bradley W. (friend of Gwen and Bill S.).

Our Military Prayer List: Jordan (Navy – son of Jerry), Daniel (Army – son of Dianne & Alan), Jeremiah (Navy – son of Dianne & Alan), Christian (National Guard – nephew of Candice & Rod), Eric (grandson of Lindsay).



October 2nd: Sharlene M.
October 4th: Susan H., Barry S.
October 7th: Tom J., Victor C.
October 8th: Jeff B.

October 10th: Katyna P., Sandy S., Kadence T.

October 11th: Gary H.

October 12th: Gabby B., Mollie R.

October 13th: Carolyn N. October 15th: Kierstyn K.

October 16th: Jerry B. October 18th: Eddie B.

October 18th: Eddie B. October 20th: Lynn V.

October 22nd: Katie K.

October 24th: Linda M.

October 28th: Penny R.

With Your presence, Lord, our Head and Savior, bless them all, we humbly pray; our dear heavenly Father's love and favor be their comfort every day. May God's Spirit now in each proceeding favor them with His most gracious leading; thus, shall they be truly blessed both in labor and in rest. Amen.

Any omission from this list is purely accidental. If your name omitted, please contact Patricia to let her know.

The November Newsletter Deadline is Monday, October 20th.

If your submission isn't received by the monthly cutoff date, we will regretfully be unable to publish it in the current newsletter. Also, Fairview will be posting church activity pictures to Facebook and on the Fairview Moravian webpage, so if you prefer not to have your picture online, notify us at communications@fairviewmoravianchurch.org.

The Communication Committee.



Women's Fellowship
Community Project for October

"The Center of Hope Family Shelter"

Donate the following items to help the <u>only Family</u> emergency shelter in Forsyth County!

Deodorant (full-size)	Brushes & Combs (any size)
Soft Soap or Body Wash (full-size)	Size 5 Diapers
Juice Boxes or Pouches	Individually wrapped snacks (granola bars, crackers, fruit snacks, etc.)

Drop your items in the WF bin located in the Lovefeast kitchen.

Every donation makes a difference! Thank you!

Speas School Breakfast Fundraiser! Come Join Us! Sunday, October 19, 2025. After Church and Sunday School. Fellowship Hall. Donations accepted. Proceeds to buy books to

give to 3rd Graders.

• Sausage, biscuits, gravy,

eggs, grits, baked apples and more!

 Lovingly prepared by Ruth & Everett Freeman!





October 19, 2025 Sunday after church and Sunday School. Sausage gravy biscuits, grits, eggs, baked apples and more. Donations accepted to buy books to give 3rd grade students at Speas Global Elementary School. All are welcome to come eat!

Should you not be able to attend the brunch and want to help, just earmark a check, 'Speas Books' made payable to Fairview Moravian Church.

...anybody that has ever had Everett's famous sausage gravy knows you do not want to miss this event!!!

Fairview Fare

The Women's Fellowship will have their Fairview Fare this year on November 15 from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. We will have the Bake Sale, Country Store, and Pottery Shop. The Kitchen will be open for breakfast and lunch. Of course, there will be Chicken Pies. As always, your contributions for the Bake Sale and Country Store will be appreciated. We are NOT having a Yard Sale table this year. Volunteers for this event would be appreciated!!

Vendors this year will only be members of Fairview and their families. If you have a craft that you would like to bring, contact Melinda for information.

Breakfast & Lunch will be available to purchase! Chicken Pies will be available for purchase!



Women's Fellowship Community Project for
September Building Community Ending
Homelessness Please donate to
support the mission of City with
Dwellings, "To help people connect to basic
needs, housing, and support services." We will collect
monetary donations until September 30. Thank
You!! (Please make checks payable to FMC and write
"Women's Fellowship" on the Memo line.)

unlocking the GOSPEL

~a fundraising dinner hosted by Friends of Moravian Prison Ministry

Please join us for an evening of food, fellowship, and a message from Reverend Ginny Tobiassen of Home Moravian Church. We will also hear testimony from the prison chapel assistant, Pete.

You will have the opportunity to make a one-time gift or an ongoing pledge of commitment.

WHERE: Fries Memorial Moravian Church

251 N. Hawthorne Road

Winston-Salem, NC 27104

WHEN: Saturday, September 27, 2025

5:30 p.m - 7:00 p.m.

Please RSVP to Tommy Cole at ctommycole@yahoo.com.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY

I am happy to report to you that we have received 105 filled shoeboxes, with 5 more on the way, with a total of 110 to be delivered to 110 boys and girls. For most of these children, the shoebox gift is the first present they have ever received.

We thank everyone who participated in this Ministry. For those who filled shoeboxes, those who provided funds to fill shoeboxes, those who helped put the boxes together, those who helped on Sunday mornings placing shoeboxes on the tables and collecting those left. For those who prayed for the success of this Ministry.

We will have a blessing on the Shoeboxes at a later date.

I recently received an update from Samaritan's Purse about the work they are doing worldwide to help others in need and spreading the Gospel.

I want to share some of this information with you about the Shoebox Ministry.

In over three decades they have reached more than 232 million children who live in 170 countries and territories. For this Ministry, Operation Christmas Child is all about Jesus! Each shoebox gift is truly an opportunity to introduce a boy or girl to our Lord and Savior.

Last Year Samay a 12-year-old boy, who lives in Cambodia received his first shoebox. He rejoiced to hear about God's love for him and came to faith in Jesus Christ. His pastor said: "By the grace of God, not only Samay but his mom, too, have accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior. Their lives were changed. This year Samay plans to be among those handing out shoebox gifts.

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Six years ago, Johan an immigrant from Colombia to Chile received a Christmas Shoebox and then attended the 12-lesson discipleship course, the Greatest Journey. He credits the class with strengthening his faith and giving him a desire to share the Gospel with others. Today, the 18-year-old wants more boys and girls to know God's saving power, so he teaches the same course through his church. "It's not the box—It's God behind the Box," he said. "I want kids to know that they can trust God no matter what."

We are asked by Samaritan's Purse to pray for the process of, collecting, processing, shipping, and delivery of millions of shoebox gifts around the world and pray that many children come to faith in Jesus Christ!

We are filled with the love of Jesus Christ. We give thanks that we are blessed, and may we be a blessing to others. (Book of worship page 116)

Pat S., Women's Fellowship



We are going to be participating in a service project at Sunnyside Ministries. This will include a tour of their facilities. Our time slot is from 10:00 am until 11:30 am. If you would like to carpool, please meet at the church at 9:30a.m.. We will plan to go somewhere for lunch afterwards. It is suggested that everyone bring 2 or 3 non-perishable food

items as their shelves are bare and are living day to day.

Fairview Friends will meet September 25th.



We are super excited...and you should be, too!

For the past few months, Fairview has had a new ministry working very hard to create, update and implement better ways of communicating the missions and events of our church. Fairview has a reputation of being a "welcoming church," as many of our visitors and new members have expressed. We want to expand on this good feeling as we build new relationships and reinforce old ones. This new ministry is called **COMMUNICATIONS.** Pastor Tony called our team together, consisting of Lynn V., Amy M., Linda M. and Gail S.. With the support of the Trustees, and invaluable contribution from Patricia R., we are dedicated to making improvements to the ways we reach out to each other: one on one, committee to committee, ministry to ministry, and to the community at large.

As we all know, good communication is the key to understanding each other, sharing our thoughts & prayers and interacting through fellowship. This is critical to moving forward, respecting each other, and growing our church.

Email us at communications@FairviewMoravianChurch.org

You_can use this email to contact the Communications team to request advertising for an upcoming Fairview event. For example, when "Fairview Friends" wants to advertise its next fun event, we can post the information on the TV in the vestibule, to our new and improved FMC website and on social media, i.e., Facebook, etc.

The TV has been running since June to welcome you, provide FMC current events information and related photos, and to remind us of the wonderful ministries we share here at Fairview.

Check out the improved website...just enter **FairviewMoravianChurch.org** on your internet browser and see what is going on! Here are some examples:

From the website Home page, click on Worship and there are several options on how to join us for worship services if you cannot be present on Sunday mornings. Stream us live on YouTube, Facebook or Zoom, or watch at a later time. All may be accessed from your computer, smartphone, or tablet.

Want to know the dates for the next Holy Communion or Lovefeast services? Just click on **Fairview Special Services** to see the list for the entire year.

Click on **About Us** to view bulletins & newsletters, information about Pastor Tony, and <u>a brief history of the Moravian Church</u>, written by our own Sandy Smith!

Click on **Ministries & Events** to learn more about each of our ministries here at Fairview and make plans for upcoming activities.

Click on the **Calendar** tab to see the <u>current</u> FMC calendar of events. We added **QR codes** (Quick Response codes) so you can now easily access links with your smartphone! Look at the bottom left corner of the picture above to see the black & white square boxes. If you open the camera on your smartphone and point it at the QR box, it will scan it, and a link will appear. Tap the link and it instantly takes you to the FMC web site and opens an up-to-date calendar! Give it a try!



QR Code

Click on the website **Give** tab to go directly to <u>The Moravian Ministries Foundation portal to make donations</u>. This is a secure and convenient way to support Moravian congregations, fellowships, and ministries, not just here, but across the United States. This can be accessed by anyone, from anywhere. You just select the amount you want to donate, click Send, and it is received and deposited into the appropriate account. For instance, you can give to the FMC General Fund in someone's honor or memory. It is quick and easy! We also have a **QR code** that takes you directly to the **Moravian Giving portal** to make a donation directly from the bottom right corner of the photo above. **These direct access QR codes are also printed on our Sunday bulletins and the Communications slide on the vestibule TV!!**

Click on the website **Contact Us** tab to see instructions on how to reach out to the Communications committee. You can email us

at <u>Communications@FairviewMoravianChurch.org</u> and include your name, phone #, and the best day/time to reach you. Include your reason for contacting us, and any questions you may have. Your emailed information will be shared with the person/ministry who can best respond to your needs. For instance, you can contact us to make church room reservations for meetings or social events.

Communication is on-going, opens our opportunities and can attract new members, as well. We have made strides in the right direction, but **we need you!** Please look at the information we offer on the vestibule TV, the FMC website, and FACEBOOK and then send us an email at

<u>Communications@FairviewMoravianChurch.org</u> with your suggestions, ideas, questions, and/or requests. This is truly a labor of love and a work in progress! We'd love to hear your feedback!

You might also consider joining us on the Communications team! Thank you!

Mobile Food Pantry

During the 2022 Moravian Southern Province Synod, the Mission Outreach Committee submitted a resolution to establish a mobile food pantry. The concept developed by David H. of Sunnyside Ministries, Phillip S. of Bethabara Moravian and Barry S. of Fairview Moravian was to use a trailer to deliver food to areas of food insecurity in Northwest North Carolina by partnering with Moravian churches located in those areas to provide nutrition to people in need. All of our congregations are located within one to two miles of areas of food insecurity. After a year of no action on the resolution, David, Phillip and Barry decided we would proceed on our own to get the ministry established. The Moravian Ministries Foundation of America approved our grant request to purchase a trailer in June, 2023. A new 16 ft by 7 ft trailer was purchased and outfitted with rolling carts that can hold over 150 food distribution boxes provided by the Maggie Styers Missionary Chapter at Fairview Moravian. David Holston was able to obtain an account to allow for food purchases from Second Harvest Food Bank in April, 2024 after six months of delays due to the lack of an official federal budget which helps Second Harvest operate.

Since beginning operation, the mobile food pantry has provided food for 1,634 people with four days' worth of meals (12) totaling 19,608 meals that the

US Government values at \$4.14 per meal or \$81,177.12. Fairview has also collected food and clothing for the food pantry and clothes closet at Bethabara Moravian. Their food pantry which has been in operation since 2023 has provided meals valued at \$191,642.54. Combined, the two congregations have supplied \$272,819.76 worth of meals to the needy in Northwest Winston-Salem. In 2024, we averaged providing food to 151 people each month. Since the federal budget cut backs on food distribution, (Second Harvest is down one million pounds of food) we have seen demand grow from 178 people on Easter Saturday to 264 people on July 20th. Every donation of food or financial gift is greatly appreciated as demand is extremely high.

The food trailer is available to provide food distribution throughout Northwest NC where our congregations are located. We order food through Second Harvest when available or shop for discounted food from a variety of sources. One in six of every child in North Carolina goes without food. For some, the meal they receive on Friday at school may be their last until school reopens on Monday, if the school doesn't have a food backpack program.

Your donations are greatly appreciated!!



Checking Accounts as of August, 2025

BB&T - General Fund
Restricted Fund
Special Funds Account
Benevolence Fund
Youth Fellowship
Repairs/Reserve Account
Edna and George Blanton Fund
Blum Chapel
Ministerial and Pastoral Education Fund

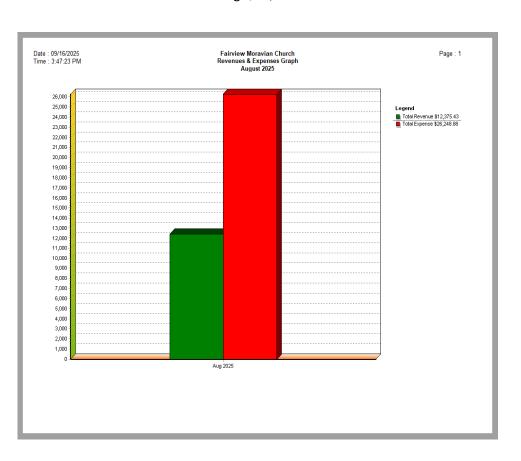
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Legend:

Revenue: \$12,375.43 Expenses: \$26,248.88

Expenses taken from the Restricted Accounts: \$8,217.51

YTD Transfers to G. Fund Checking: \$30,000.00



Beyond the BATTLE

BENEFIT CONCERT

October 4, 2025 4-8pm

New Philadelphia Moravian Church Cancer Benevolence Fund 4440 Country Club Rd. Winston Salem, NC 27104

FREE ENTRY – Donations appreciated





- Bluegrass Gospel
- · Contemporary Christian
- Song Requests
- Food Trucks
- Raffle
- · Kids' Corner
- Fun & Fellowship

Scan to Donate on Realm



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