



THE FRIEDBERG FOLIO

News from the Hill of Peace

Friedberg Moravian Church

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Our Mission Statement: We are a congregation grounded in Biblical truth, honoring our heritage and deep faith in the Lord Jesus Christ by proclaiming openly the Gospel through worship, witness, Bible study, missions, fellowship and service to the community.

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And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed, and this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; because he was of the house and lineage of David; to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone around about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ, the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; you shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." And it came to pass as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us." And they went with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.— Luke 2:1-16



Merry Christmas!
From the Staff of Friedberg Moravian Church

Christian sympathy is extended to:

The family of Edna Lucile Helvey Livengood. Edna passed away on Sunday, November 2, and her funeral was held on Thursday, November 13, at Home Moravian Church.

The family of Wesley “Lee” Amos Livengood, III. Lee passed away on Wednesday, November 5, and his funeral was held on Saturday, November 15, at Calvary Baptist Church. He is a family friend of Chris and Julia Hedgecock.

The family of James “Jim” Parks. Jim passed away on Tuesday, November 25, and a private family service will be held at a later date. He is Denise Norrell’s neighbor.

The family of Thomas Ryan Sink. Tom passed away on Saturday, November 15, and his funeral was held on Wednesday, November 19, at Friedberg.

The family of Annie Bell Tucker Whapham. Anna passed away on Sunday, November 16, and her graveside service was held on Friday, November 21, at Forsyth Memorial Park.



To my Friedberg Moravian Family, They say that unexpected kindness is the most powerful and least costly way to make someone’s day . . . I say it’s priceless! I have learned a lot from my latest health experience. The one thing that stands out the most is the acts of kindness. One doesn’t realize the power of a phone call/text, or a greeting card, until one experiences it themselves.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the cards, texts, and especially for all the prayers. I felt God’s presence with me during my trip to Duke, and I know it is due to my prayer warriors! Being active with the CE Board, teaching Kid’s Worship, helping Mrs. Heidi with Children’s Church, and helping with the Chicken Pie Supper gave me a sense of purpose, which gave me the strength I needed to keep going each day. Being with my church family lifts my spirits, and I am eternally grateful for all of you!

To the Prayers & Squares Ministry, you truly are a group of prayer warriors. Thank you for all your time and dedication to the ministry and especially for my beautiful quilt that I will cherish forever!
Love to all, Andrea Glass

On behalf of the Women’s Fellowship, thank you to everyone who supported our Fall Supper. Thank you to everyone who helped make chicken pies, who came to help on the prep day, those who setup the dining room, those who served our guests, those who worked the serving line, the take-out area, the kitchen, the dishwashing area, our treasurer, those who answered the call and baked desserts, and those who came to enjoy a meal. Special thanks to our Circle members, youth group, Men’s Thursday night basketball group, media/advertising team, and Kevin Bundy. As a result of your support and participation, we met our goal to share the love of Jesus Christ with our community. To God be the glory! Ways and Means Supper Committee



These Brothers and Sisters in Christ were elected during Church Council on Sunday, November 16, 2025:

Board of Elders: Mike Hanes, Tanya Kimel, Mike Lambeth, and Joe Landreth

Board of Trustees: Jacob Foltz, Joe Jarvis, Chris Stone, Jr., and Brent Waddell

Christian Education Board: Andrea Glass, Jennifer MacLeod, and Brittany West

Head Diener: Thomas Brann

Delegates to the 2026 Synod: Jennifer Boles, Donald Cockerham, John Dyer, Mike Hanes, Mike Lambeth, Mike Martin, and Richard Reich

Alternate Synod Delegates: Mike Ernst, Debbie Foltz, Elizabeth Gunter, Laura Overcash, Bill Sides, Howard Spangler, and Dianne Wood

Please pray for these individuals as they prepare to begin their duties on January 1, 2026. The installation service for the newly elected/re-elected officers will take place during worship on Sunday, January 4. All newly elected officers are invited to attend the December meetings of their respective boards to help them prepare for the start of their official duties in January.

Folio newsletter items for January are needed by **Friday, December 19.** Thank you!



On Sunday, November 23, 2025, we rejoiced in welcoming new members to our Friedberg Church family! As one of our October new members Terri Thomas so perfectly stated, we look forward to each of them being a part of the Moravian family here at Friedberg, where we put Christ in the center of everything!

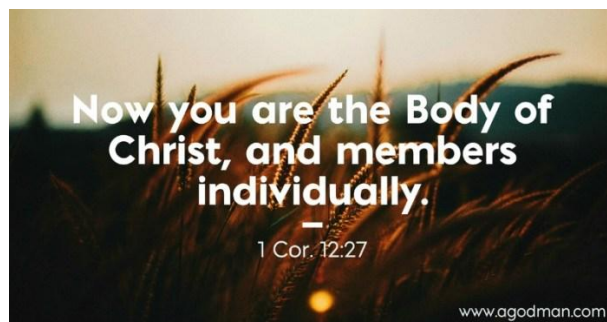
Chris and Tina Hayward joined by transfer of membership from Calvary Moravian Church. Chris is retired from 50 years in the construction industry, where he was a project manager on military bases and telecommunication networks in the US, Europe, and Asia. This gave them the opportunity to live in England for 7 years and to travel extensively. Tina is retired from 30 years as a church organist. She worked in PA and FL in 7 denominations, including 3 Moravian churches. Both enjoy the community and activities in Friedberg Village. Chris enjoys his G-scale train collection. Tina loves sewing, reading, playing games, and working on piano arrangements. Their address is 1401 Castellum Square, Winston-Salem, NC 27127.

Dawn Kuehne joined by transfer of membership from Konnoak Hills Moravian Church. Dawn is retired. She enjoys camping, woodcarving, bus traveling, painting, crocheting, and she loves animals. Her address is 1468 Riverview Road, Lexington, NC 27292.

Bryan and Heather Mash joined by transfer of membership from New Philadelphia Moravian Church. Bryan is a self-employed HR consultant, and Heather is enjoying retirement. Bryan loves fishing, hunting, and spending time with family. Heather also loves spending time with family, along with crafting and cardmaking. Their address is 126 Woodlands Court, Advance, NC 27006.

Jesse and Janet Rice joined by transfer of membership from Braddock Street UMC in Winchester, VA. Both are enjoying retirement. Jesse loves golf and woodworking, and Janet is interested in traveling, reading, and genealogy. Their address is 301 Frankfurt Court, Winston-Salem, NC 27127.

Kaitlyn Watson was received into membership of our church through the sacrament of baptism. Kaitlyn knows and loves Jesus, and we are excited with her in this step of faith. Kaitlyn works at Eagle Auto Body, and she loves old cars, organizing, and cooking. Her address is 306 E. Guilford Street, Thomasville, NC 27360.



Women's Fellowship candle trimming: If you don't like to drive at night, we are offering an opportunity to fellowship while trimming candles on **Monday, December 1, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.** Coffee, juice, and cookies will be served. On **Tuesday, December 2, at 6:00 p.m.,** we will have our candle trimming potluck supper. Officers will also be installed that evening. At both candle trimming events, we will have a love offering for Share the Warmth through Duke Engery.

First Friday Breakfast December 5th

Annual Advent Breakfast & Christmas Music Program

The Friedberg Men's Quartet
Mike Lambeth, Pianist

Fellowship • Inspiration • Breakfast

Friedberg's new cookbook, "Be Present at Our Table, Lord", may be just the special Christmas gift you need to complete your list. And we now have a new supply of cookbooks to fill all of your needs. You can get cookbooks after worship on **November 30** in the Fellowship Hall, on **December 7** in the Family Life Center lobby, and on **December 14** in the Fellowship Hall. They are also available during the week in the church office, or you may email recipes@friedbergmoravian.org to contact a cookbook committee member.



Join us to watch *Christmas with The Chosen: Holy Night* on Sunday, December 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center! You will experience the story of Jesus' birth through the perspectives of Mary and Joseph and of a shepherd, providing a rich view of that first Christmas. Please contact Lisa Jackson at 336-416-9742 with questions.

On Thursday, December 11, Senior Friends Fellowship will have their annual Christmas Party in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m. Please bring your favorite dish to share. Beverages will be provided. Also, bring a few prizes for our Bingo games. The more prizes we have, the longer we can play. If you have a neighbor or friend who may enjoy our festivities, invite them to attend. Anyone over the age of 50 can be a part of our fellowship. OUR SPECIAL GUESTS WILL BE OUR FRIEDBERG STAFF. We encourage you to set aside time to relax and enjoy the activities.

We will discuss upcoming events in 2026. Please call Carol if you have questions or if you need more information. bcknouse@yahoo.com or 336-764-1353

If you ordered a 2026 Moravian Daily Texts, it has arrived! Please pick up your copy from the church office. Regular print copies are \$13.00, and large print are \$15.00.

The 2026 Flower Calendar for sanctuary flowers is posted on the bulletin board behind the church office (across from the nursery). Please sign-up if you would like to provide flowers in the sanctuary for our worship services.

The Second Annual Jonathan Frank Memorial Blood Drive is on Sunday, December 14, in the Family Life Center. You may log into redcrossblood.org, call the church office at 336-764-1830, or call me at 336-978-5537. Thank you! Chuck Stone



Our first Christmas Candle Lovefeast Service will be on Sunday, December 21, at 7:30 p.m. On Christmas Eve, December 24, we will have services at 4:30 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m. There will be a 30-minute Band Prelude prior to the services. These services are a wonderful opportunity for our church family to join with our family members, friends, and loved ones in the community, as we celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. At all services, we will be receiving a Love Offering, and details will be announced.

Remember that 2025 contributions must be received by the church prior to January 1. You may also make your contributions online at www.friedberg.church.

Unity Prayer Watch is an unbroken chair of prayer that has been a vital part of the life and ministry of the Moravian Church for decades. Friedberg's assigned portion of the prayer watch is **Sunday, January 4, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to Midnight**. Please consider making a commitment to pray for one or more 30-minute segments of time. A sign-up sheet, along with an extensive list of prayer concerns, is posted on the bulletin board across from the church office.



Are you interested in increasing your knowledge of the Bible in the format of an interesting narrative? The **Friedberg Women's Book Club** will meet on a **monthly basis** to study people and topics of the Bible. With so many books and so little time, let's start with a study of women of the Bible.

The first book that the group will be reading is “**The Book of Ruth**” by **Timothy Mulder**. It is a series of **short stories** where the reader is exposed to unwavering integrity, redemption, death, and faithfulness.

If you are interested in an in-depth study of the book of Ruth and other great women in the Bible, plan on meeting the **second Monday** of each month. We will work on getting you a passcode once you have accepted the invitation. The first meeting will be January 12 at 10:00 am in the Willing Workers Classroom. Please call or email to express your interest. I look forward to hearing from you! tsettle1967@outlook.com or 336-408-5894 – Toni Settle



Circle 2 is selling New Crop Pecans. They are 1-pound bags of shelled halves for \$14.00. You may purchase from any Circle 2 member or from Piedmont Fence on Hwy 150, Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For questions, please reach out to Michelle Tucker at 336-408-0477 or tucked88@yahoo.com.

**Friedberg Monthly Financial Update
(Through 10/31/2025)**

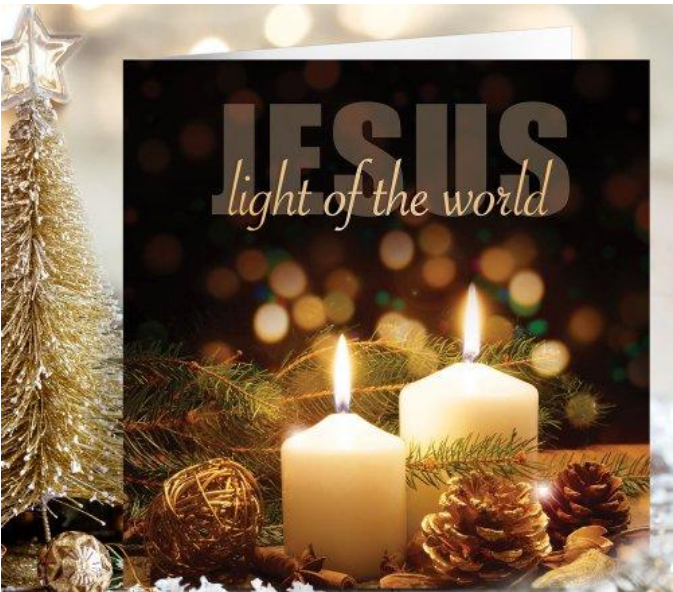
Budget Fund:			
YTD Receipts:	\$	820,151.51	
YTD Expenditures	\$	833,483.89	
Net	\$	-13,332.38	
Mission Fund:			
Beginning Balance 1/1/2025:	\$	16,975.72	
YTD Receipts:	\$	75,675.26	
YTD Expenditures:	\$	80,877.81	
Ending Balance:	\$	11,773.17	



Friedberg Moravian Church's Blessing Box is a small, community-supported pantry (located in front of the Fellowship Hall) where anyone in need can take items, and members of the church and community can contribute. For **December**, the requested items are **soup and crackers**, perfect for warming up as the weather gets colder. We're also collecting **gloves and warm hats** to help our neighbors stay comfortable this winter. If you have any questions, please ask any member of **Circle 4**.



Christmas Post Office: The boxes will be available again this year (in alphabetical order) in the hallway between the Parlor and Discovery classroom. Your Christmas cards may be placed in these boxes for pickup by the church members. Please call the church office at 336-764-1830 if you need addresses for our shut-ins!

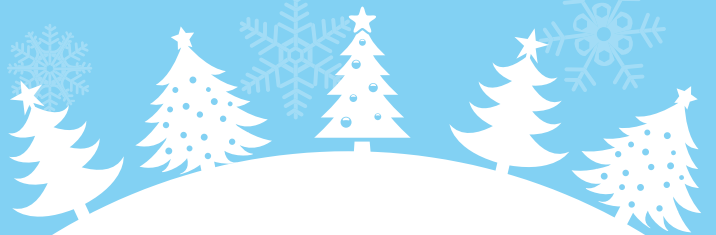


Breakfast WITH Santa

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:30AM - 11:00AM

FELLOWSHIP HALL



Enjoy free pancakes &
sausage along with a
photo opportunity
with Santa Claus!

Donations will be accepted as
all proceeds provide funding
to local missions.



Friedberg
MORAVIAN CHURCH

BEANIES FOR "BEAN"

PLEASE JOIN JARED'S HOPE IN HELPING US KEEP OUR FRIENDS
AND NEIGHBORS WARM THIS WINTER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025 FROM 2pm-5pm

Drop off locations:

Hopewell Moravian Church Christian Life Center

701 Hopewell Church Road, Winston-Salem, NC

Bethania Moravian Church, 5545 Main Street, Bethania NC

Will be a drop off location for northern Forsyth and Stokes Counties



In Loving Memory of Laura "Bean" Ann Romero Ne'e Merritt

Daughter of Rev. Dave and Terri Merritt

Suggested Items Include:

Beanies

Heavy Winter Gloves

Handwarmers

Scarves

Blankets

**Monetary Donations May be Made to Jared's HOPE
701 Hopewell Church Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27127**

DECEMBER Children's Events

Children's Leaders

David and Hellen Bee
Daniel Everhart
Evva Hanes-Fordham
Holli Rhoney
Jason Romblad
Josh and Melissa Webb
Lolly Wiles

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, December 14, 21 and 28 during the 11:00am service



There are two worship opportunities for children during our 11:00am service. If there is a Children's Chat, all children will leave after that. If not, there will be a specific time where children will leave. Children age 4-2nd grade will go to Children's Church and children grades 3-5 will go to Kid's Worship. There will not be Children's Church or Kids Worship on Sunday, December 7 as this is the Christmas Program. We will have our worship service in the Family Life Center where everyone will get to see the children participate in "The Greatest News Story Ever Told"!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Every Sunday from 9:45-10:45am in various classrooms

We invite you to join us for Sunday School each Sunday morning as children split up into more age specific small groups and dive deeper into our monthly verse and themes. They have loving Sunday School teachers with awesome plans ready to go for them to help each child learn more about what plans God has for each of their lives. Our Little Explorers (2 and 3 year olds) are continuing to learn from the Little Bible Heroes and will be meeting Samuel and learning about Christmas this month. The rest of our classes will continue our work in GROW with "Follow the Star". Many families hit the road during the Christmas season, whether it's to visit loved ones or take a much-needed break. It's a time-honored tradition—one that might even be traced back to the first Christmas when a bright star dropped a pin on a special location to guide people to the birthplace of the savior. In this 4-week series, kids will learn that **God gives people to guide us, God gives hope to guide us, God gives a Savior to guide us, and God gives direction to guide us.**



BIG IDEAS & BIBLE STORIES

1. **God gives people to guide us.** (John the Baptist Is Born: Luke 1:5-25, 57-66; Matthew 3:1-6)
2. **God gives hope to guide us.** (An Angel Visits Mary: Luke 1:26-38; James 5:7-11)
3. **God gives a Savior to guide us.** (Jesus Is Born: Luke 2:1-20; Isaiah 7:10-16)
4. **God gives direction to guide us.** (The Magi Visit Jesus: Matthew 2:1-12; Matthew 2:13-23)

It's a great time to gather together in a smaller group on Sunday mornings!

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE AND PARTY

Wednesday, December 3 from 6:00-7:00pm

All children who are in the Christmas program will meet in the Family Life Center for program practice. We will run through as much of the program as possible before the final time on Saturday! Please be on time! Pick up will be in the Family Life Center.

Saturday, December 6 from 10:00am-2:00pm

Christmas Program Practice-10:00am-12:00noon

We will meet in the Family Life Center from 10:00am-12:00noon for our final run through of the Christmas Program. This will include costumes and everything. Please make sure to have your child at this practice so they will know what to do the next day for the actual program!



Christmas Party-12:00noon-2:00pm-We will have our Christmas party right after our Christmas Program practice in the Children's Center. Lunch will be provided and then we will have some good old Christmas fun together to wrap up our semester! Pick up will be from the Children's Center at 2:00pm!

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday, December 7 during the 11:00am service

Come join together with others from Friedberg and the community in the Family Life Center as the children present, "The Greatest News Story Ever Told". This Christmas program presents the nativity story through the lens of a modern newsroom, with reporters covering "breaking news" from 2,000 years ago. Through our words, singing and even our acting, we pray you will truly experience the greatest news story ever told!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 6 from 8:30-11:00am

Friedberg Moravian Church will host Breakfast with Santa on December 6th from 8:30 to 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Come share pancakes and sausage with Santa!

Feel free to bring your camera to capture these fun memories. There is no set cost for this event, but donations are greatly appreciated.



CHRISTMAS LOVEFEAST AND CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Sunday, December 21 at 7:30pm and Wednesday, December 24 at 4:30pm and 7:30pm

We invite you to one of our three Christmas Lovefeast and Candlelight services taking place at Friedberg this year. It is a joy to be able to join together and to hear the message of Jesus' birth proclaimed! We have some wonderful children who will be singing "Morning Star" from our congregation as well!

December 21, 7:30pm: Kaiden Thomas, Sara Glass, Isaiah Craver, Hudson Helms, Lucy Webb, Rose Craver, James Helms

December 24, 4:30 pm: CB Billings, Ella Stone, Sara Glass, Gabe Smith

December 24, 7:30pm: Serena Sweatman, Benjamin Boles, Nora Frank, Sammy Boles



WINTER/SPRING SEMESTER

Be on the lookout for updates and details about our calendar of activities coming up for the Winter/Spring Semester! We have lots of wonderful and exciting things planned for your child(ren) and family! We cannot wait to share those with you soon! We hope you all enjoy some time over the next few weeks with your family and friends and have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!





December's verse to focus on will be:

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:12b (NIV)

Walking in the Light

Scripture: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." — John 8:12b (NIV)

Think About It

Have you ever tried to walk through a dark room without turning on the lights? Maybe you stubbed your toe on the furniture or bumped into a wall! Darkness makes it hard to see where we're going, and we can easily get lost or hurt.

Jesus tells us that He is the light of the world. Just like a flashlight helps us see in the dark, Jesus shows us the way to live. When we follow Him, we don't have to stumble around wondering what's right or wrong. His light helps us see clearly.

Family Discussion Questions

- When have you been afraid of the dark? How did having a light make you feel better?
- What does it mean to "follow Jesus" in our everyday lives?
- How can Jesus' light help us make good choices at school, home, or with friends?

Try This Together

Tonight at dinner, try eating in the dark for just one minute (safely!). Then turn on the lights and talk about how much better it is to see clearly. Remind each other that Jesus wants to light up our whole lives, not just our rooms!

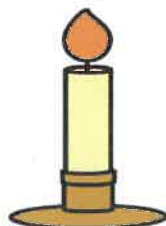
Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank You for being our light. Help us to follow You every day so we don't walk in darkness. Show us the right path and help us share Your light with others. Amen.

Family Challenge: This month, each family member can be a "light" by doing one kind act that brightens someone else's day. Share your experiences at your next family meal!

John 8:12

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

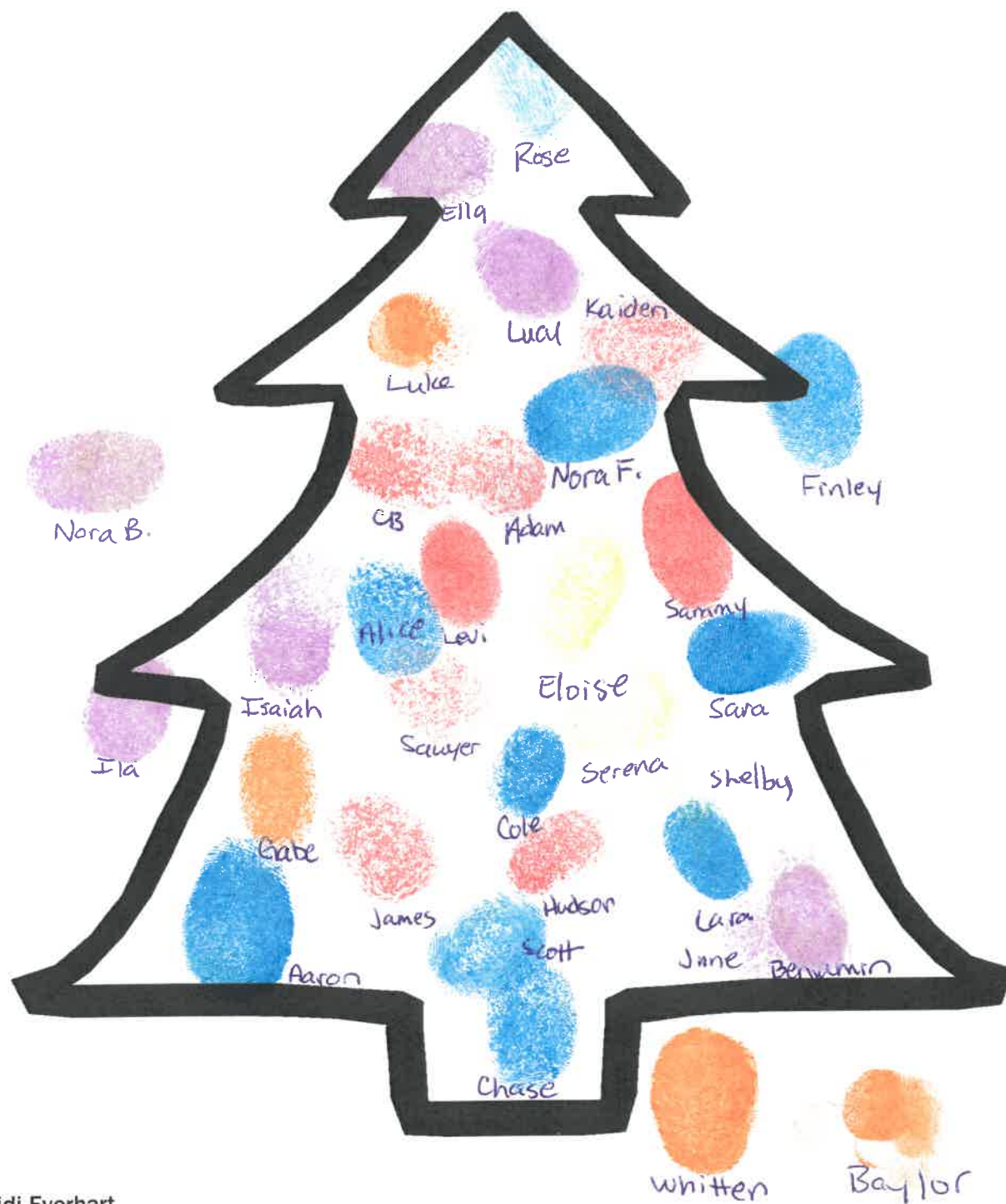


SPOTLIGHT ON THE CHILDREN OF FRIEDBERG...

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS



The Children of Friedberg would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas! May God bless you today, tomorrow and always!



Heidi Everhart
Director of Children's Ministry/DCE
heverhart@friedberg.church

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in truth." 3 John 1:4



Friedberg Moravian Youth Mission Statement

FM Youth will **LOVE** one another as Christ loves us, we will **LEARN** about God so that we can use our gifts and talents for His purpose, and we will **SERVE** others as an expression of Christ's love, and we will **SHARE** the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

2026 National Mission Team Meeting

December 4th in Youth Room (6:00 – 7:30)

All youth attending the 2026 National Mission trip will meet in the youth room on Dec. 4th.

Confirmation Class

Sunday, December 6th (10:00 – 12:00)

The confirmation class will enjoy pancakes and sausage in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a discussion on Moravian Christmas traditions.

Christmas Program

Dec. 7th (11:00 – 12:00)

The Children and Youth will celebrate the birth of Jesus with a Christmas Program in the Family Life Center.

Practice times are Wednesday, Dec. 3rd (7:00 – 8:00 and Sunday, Dec. 7th (9:30 – 10:00).

Director of Youth – Karen Hill

High School Boys – Sean Tatman and David Hopkins

High School Girls – Michelle Decker and Sheila Blower

Middle School Boys – Riley Hill and Josh Carr

Middle School Girls – Chloe Williamson

Christmas Party

Dec. 7th (4:30 – 6:30)

The annual youth Christmas party. Youth are to bring a \$15 gift card placed inside a new pair of socks. We'll enjoy playing Dirty Santa, games, singing Christmas songs, and celebrating Christmas dinner together. This year's theme is Christmas Pajamas, so wear your festive PJs, and let's have some fun!



Sunday School

(9:45 – 10:45)

Dec. 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

The youth will begin a new study titled "Experiencing God" by Mike and Daniel Blackaby. In this study, they will learn how to listen to God's voice, which will help them understand His plan and empower them to live boldly and freely.



We are truly blessed to have an outstanding youth ministry. Their hearts exemplify the spirit of Christ through their words, deeds, and actions. Their work ethic is remarkable, and we are grateful for the opportunity to serve the community.

Recently, our high school youth purchased gifts for 30 children and contributed toys for the Preschool City Lights Ministry toy drive. Meanwhile, the middle school youth have also been actively involved and wrapped every gift for our 30 children.

Youth Birthdays

- Henry Reich – Dec. 1st
 - Piper Jane – Dec. 4th
 - Nelia Hurlocker – Dec. 5th
 - Macy Zwiebel – Dec. 10th
 - Carter Stone – Dec. 25th
 - Calvin Blower – Dec. 26th
 - Evva Kate Fordham – Dec. 31st
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College Age Birthdays

- Abbey DeLapp – Dec. 4th
- Lucas Bundy – Dec. 7th
- Ethan Ellington – Dec. 17th



- **January 30th – Feb. 1st** – Winter Retreat to Winterplace Ski Resort.

The Spirit of Gratitude

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 “Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

Life gets busy – school, sports, friends, social media, pressure, expectations. It’s easy to focus on what’s going wrong or what we wish we had. But God asks us to do something surprisingly powerful: give thanks in all circumstances. Not for every situation, but in every situation. Gratitude doesn’t ignore the hard stuff; it shifts our perspective to see God’s goodness even in the middle of it.

When you choose gratitude, your attitude changes, negativity loses power, you start noticing the blessings you missed before, and you draw closer to God because you see how He is working around you.

Reflection questions:

1. What’s one thing you’ve been complaining about lately?
2. What part of that situation could you choose to thank God for?
3. Who is someone you take for granted but are actually grateful for?
4. What small blessings did you overlook today?

Friedberg Birthday Calendar – December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Joseph Foster Henry Reich Bonnie Sides	2 Olivia Faircloth	3 Hayley Brown Linda Davis	4 Abbey DeLapp Alvin Johnson Piper Jane'	5 Nelia Hurlocker	6 Michelle Ali Dick Settle Jann Shermer
7 Lucas Bundy David Everhart	8 Russ Compton Sherry Edwards Norian Fordham, III	9 Wesley Greenwood Evelyn May Tyson Lauren Vick	10 Jacob Edwards Janie Foltz Jane Hardison Nick Payne Jannell Rowe Macy Zwiebel	11 Kaye Carter Heather Johnson Lori Lamb Megan McElfresh	12 Jeff Essick Gail Ketner Jason Richard Brian Tolley Wake Wagner	13 Jessica Hunsucker Joan Tesh
14 Linda Craver Gail Dowell Sanford Fishel, III Jason Joyce, II	15 Renee Prevette Chris Stone	16 Felicia Joyce	17 Ethan Ellington Rose Howell Jesse Rice	18 Zoey Martin	19 Katie Costanza Regina Lambeth	20 Todd Foster Deborah Miller Eric Tolley Carson Yates
21 Peggy Wagner	22 Chris Hayward Clara Hunsucker Julie Williamson	23 Ed Crook Jocelyn McKeever Brent Murphy Riley Prevette Susan Smith	24 Lisa Everhart Kathy Thomas	25 Christmas Colt Johnson Charles Ketner Suzanne Ketner Audrey Koontz Mary Lou Pitts Carter Stone Jameson Zwiebel	26 Calvin Blower	27 Jennifer Helliwell J.T. Hopkins Yvonne Lemons John Mason Millie Metcalf Dean Tucker
28 Eli Joyce Joyce Tucker	29	30 Tracie Bryson Megan Crady Chris Peters Debbie Petersen Karen Weisner	31 Michael Beaver Dwayne Flynt Evva Kate Fordham Marianne Nicholson Bethany Pugh			

Friedberg Activity Calendar – December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 8:00 AM Walking – FLC 9:00 AM Candle Trimming – FH and Discovery Rm 6:30 PM Girl Scouts – Youth Rm 7:00 PM Boy Scouts – FH 7:00 PM C.E. Board – CC	2 6:00 PM Women's Fellowship Candle Trimming – FH	3 8:00 AM Walking – FLC 6:00 PM Christmas Program Practice – Kids – FLC 6:15 PM Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 PM Christmas Program Practice – Youth – FLC 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	4 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study – Discovery Rm 7:00 PM Men's Basketball – FLC	5 7:00 AM 1 st Men's Breakfast – FH 8:00 AM Walking – FLC	6 8:30 AM Breakfast with Santa – FH 10:00 AM Children's Program Practice
7 Children's Christmas Program 9:15 AM Band Prelude 9:15 AM Prayer Partners – Parlor 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship/Livestream – FLC 4:30 PM Youth Christmas Party 6:30 PM Chosen Christmas – FLC	8 8:00 AM Walking – FLC 7:00 PM Boy Scouts – FH 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting – Discovery Rm	9 7:00 PM Advent Hopewell Band Concert – FLC	10 8:00 AM Walking – FLC 6:15 PM Handbell Rehearsal 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	11 11:30 AM Senior Friends Christmas Party – FH 6:00 PM Circle 2 Christmas Party – FLC Back Lobby 7:00 PM Men's Basketball – FLC	12 8:00 AM Walking – FLC 6:00 PM Youth Lock-In Begins	13 9:00 AM Youth Lock-In Ends
14 9:15 AM Band Prelude 9:15 AM Prayer Partners – Parlor 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship/Livestream – FLC 12:15 PM <i>Morning Star</i> Practice – Sanctuary 12:30 PM Blood Drive – FLC	15 8:00 AM Walking – FLC 6:30 PM Girl Scouts – Youth Rm 7:00 PM Boy Scouts – FH	16 7:00 PM Elders Meeting – Discovery Rm	17 8:00 AM Walking – FLC 6:15 PM Handbell Rehearsal 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	18 7:00 PM Men's Basketball – FLC	19 8:00 AM Walking – FLC	20
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Pray Every Day – December 2025

1. **I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.** Pray for the Clinica Evangelica Morava in Ahaus.
2. **The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he to whom it belongs shall come and the obedience of the nations shall be his.** Pray for Charlie and Vicki Brent in Texas.
3. **When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom.** Pray for the Moravian School, Shristi Academy, in Nepal.
4. **Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.** Pray for Safiatu Braima and Sierra Leone.
5. **When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.** Pray for the Moravians in Peru.
6. **But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.** Pray for Moravians in Cuba and the Armando Rusindo Foundation.
7. **You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet.** Pray for the Moravians in Alaska and their recovery from natural disaster.
8. **My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old.** Pray for Michael and Naomi Woo with OMF International.
9. **In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.** Pray for Joey Yokeley in Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
10. **Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped.** Pray for the Teshes and Ray of Hope Orphanage.
11. **A voice of one calling: 'In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord.'** Pray for the Unity Women's Desk.
12. **Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight.** Pray for Anna Faircloth with YoungLife Ministry.
13. **The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.** Pray for the Harrisons with Greek Intervarsity.
14. **He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners.** Pray for Alan and DeeDee Iobst in France.
15. **In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven.** Pray for the Board of World Mission.
16. **He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and people of every language worshipped him.** Pray for Annie B Missions and Star Mountain.
17. **His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.** Pray for Kevin and Charity in the Middle East.
18. **See your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey.** Pray for Brian and Heather Marx with Mission Aviation Fellowship.
19. **The days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous branch a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.** Pray for the Hoffmans in HIV/AIDS Ministry.
20. **When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you.** Pray for the recovery work in Jamaica.
21. **You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus.** Pray for Adopt A Village in Tanzania.
22. **For nothing is impossible with God.** Pray for Phil and Eunice Raiford in Mexico.
23. **Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!** Pray for the Rajpur Foster Child Project.
24. **Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people.** Pray for PEC members, bishops and other church leaders.
25. **Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.** Pray for local homeless shelters.
26. **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.** Pray for seminarians and candidates for ordination.
27. **When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child.** Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent in Croatia.
28. **The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.** Pray for short-term mission teams.
29. **When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. They saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him.** Pray for disaster relief workers.
30. **Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.** Pray for the war in Ukraine and refugees.
31. **And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.** Pray for Estamos Unidos Moravian Ministry.

FRIEDBERG MORAVIAN CHURCH
Prayer List – December 2025

MEMBERS

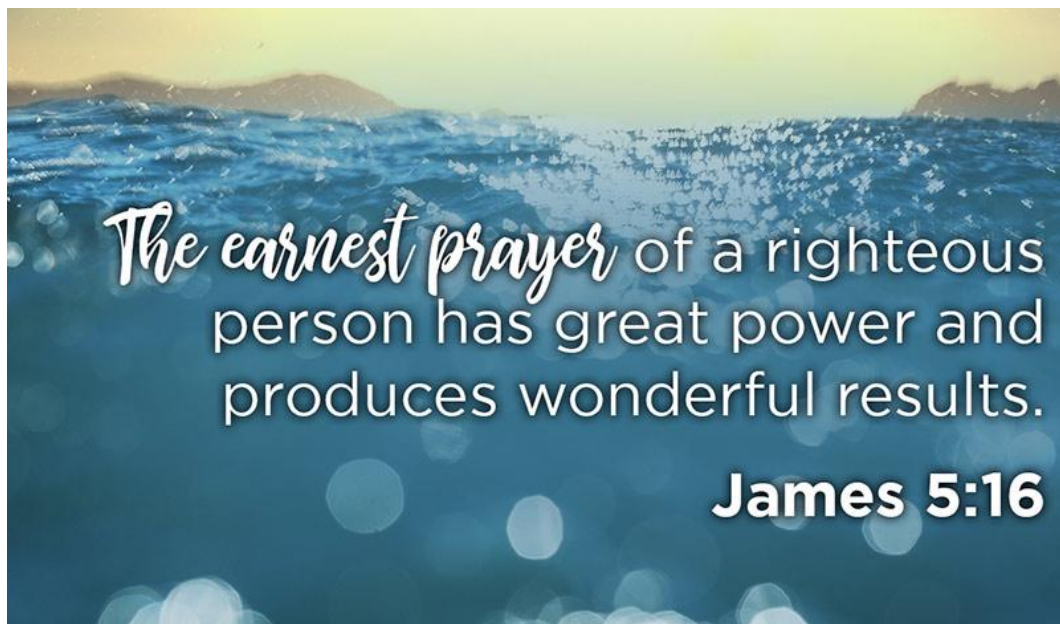
Wayne Anderson	Andrea Glass	Rebecca Mickey	Betty Sink
Jo Brann	Andy Jackson	Jim Newsome	Family of Tom Sink
Phil Carter	Larry Jarvis	Reba Payne	Gray Stanfield
Sandra Chambers	Gail Ketner	Gloria Peters	Ed Steward
Al Coleman	Mark Kimel	Mary Lou Pitts	Andy Stone
Chuck Crater	Audrey Koontz	Martha Plyler	Jerry & Gail Tolley
Jim Ebert	Pat Lambeth-Watson	Rod Randolph	Jim Tucker
Sherry Edwards	Yvonne Lemons	Wanda Russell	Norm West
Emily Essick	Carolyn Mason	Family of Lillian Shelton	Family of Anna Whapham
Jerry Evans	Darrell Metcalf	Bonnie Sides	

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Randy Caudle	Donna Link	Jennifer Moser	Carol Rembisz
James Covington	Family of Edna Livengood	Family of Jim Parks	Alita Semones
Todd Jarvis	Family of Lee Livengood	Amy Parsons	Sandy Webb
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Dean Brendle	J.R. Lingerfelt	Colton Scott	Brandon Thompson
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If you have a prayer request, there are several ways to let your church family know:

- Contact the church office at 336-764-1830 or mwebb@friedberg.church.
- Fill-out a prayer card located in the pews, and place the card in the collection plate during the worship service.
- Send an email on the church's email list-serve Friedberg Friends.
 - If you have not signed up for Friedberg Friends, go to www.friedberg.church/friedberg-friends and submit your information to join.
 - Once joined, you can send emails to the group by emailing FriedbergFriends@groups.io.
- Submit prayer requests through the church website at www.friedberg.church/prayer-request.

Senior Pastor: Rev. Jim Newsome
Pastoral Assistant: Jennifer Boles
Director of Youth: Karen Hill
Children Ministry Director: Heidi Everhart
Music Director: Debbie Foltz
Preschool Director: April Bundy
Band Director: Jimmie Snyder

Acolytes: William Boles
David Bryson
Joe Landreth
Mike Martin
Richard Reich

2025 Elected Officials

Elders

Mike Hanes 2025
Mike Lambeth 2025
Joe Landreth V. Ch. 2025
Jason Phillips 2025
John Dyer 2026
Ronnie Hartman 2026
Carol Ann Little 2026
Tom MacLeod 2026
Dawn Brann Sec. 2027
David Bryson 2027
Sarah Faircloth 2027
Mike Martin 2027

Trustees

Joe Jarvis 2025
Laura Overcash * 2025
Chris Stone, Jr. 2025
Brent Waddell V. Ch. 2025
Michael Brann Sec. 2026
Ray Lambeth 2026
Karl Stimpson * 2026
Norm West * 2026
Donald Cockerham Ch. 2027
Sherry Edwards 2027
Keith Leonard 2027
Sid Proctor 2027

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Sandra Chambers 2025
Andrea Glass 2025
Jennifer MacLeod 2025
Amanda Fine 2026
Julie Stone 2026
Chloe Williamson 2026
Rusty Blower 2027
Elizabeth Gunter 2027
Jannell Rowe * 2027

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Church Council Secretary: Dawnyelle Leonard 2027
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