



March



2026

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Day of Prayer Services for 2026

March 4, 11:00am. Ardmore Moravian, Speaker: The Rev. Craig Troutman. Refreshments will be served at 10:00 A.M. The service will be live streamed online: www.FACEBOOK.com/ArdmoreMoravian/videos

March 11, 11:00am. Fries Memorial Moravian, Speaker: The Rev. Angelica Regaldo-Cieza. Coffee hour at 10:00 A.M. This service will be live streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/@friesmemorialmoravianchurc4962>

March 18, 11:00am. Fairview Moravian, Speaker: The Rev. James Newsome. The service will include communion and will be available on YouTube and Facebook.

March 25, 11:00am. Konnoak Hills Moravian Church, Speaker: The Rev. Judy Knopf. Lovefeast. The service will be livestreamed at <http://www.khmaravian.org/> Select "YouTube Chanel" at the top.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER®

South Branch RCC

RISE AGAINST HUNGER Pack-a-thon Saturday, March 14,

Set-up: 7:30a-9a

Filling food packages: 9a until finished

Hopewell Moravian Church
Christian Life Center
701 Hopewell Church Road



Bag it! At the beginning of Lent (Sunday, Feb. 15th), each family is invited to take home a grocery bag given by Sunnyside Ministries. Add food to the bag during Lent and bring it back to Hope by April 5th.

Worship Schedule for Lent/Easter

March 1st – April 5th

(Services in Sanctuary unless otherwise noted.)

Sunday, March 1st – Sunday, March 22nd

10:00am: Lenten Sundays

Sunday, March 29th, Palm Sunday

9:00am: Breakfast, Flowering of the Cross (fellowship hall)

10:00am: Worship

- [Bagged grocery offering for Sunnyside Ministry](#)
- [Parading of palms](#)
- [Easter Cantata](#) (nursery provided)

11:15am: Easter Egg Hunt (lawn), Holy Week Reading

Wednesday, April 1st

7:00pm: Holy Week Reading

Thursday, April 2nd, Maundy Thursday—Rev. Ray Burke

7:00pm: Holy Communion (fellowship hall and Gemeinhaus)

Friday, April 3rd, Good Friday

6:30pm: Band Prelude

7:00pm: Holy Week Reading, Lovefeast

Sunday, April 5th, Easter Sunday—Rev. Ray Burke

9:30 am: Worship

10:15am: Resurrection Service (In front of Gemeinhaus and God's Acre)

Board Notes and Information

The board met for it's first meeting of 2026 on Jan. 12th:

- Allen Daniel was elected as Vice Chair
- Ana Wilks agreed to serve as Board Secretary
- The board approved significant electrical repairs, which now have been completed, including the sign out front and overhead lighting. All new lighting is LED to help lower power bill and replacement costs.
- The board scheduled a brief Church Council meeting Feb. 8th to elect a delegate and alternate for the 2026 Provincial Synod. Jun 3-6 at New Philadelphia. Allen Daniel was elected as the Synod delegate, and Chris Meinberg volunteered as alternate. There will be a number of committee and organizational meetings leading up to the actual Synod.

At it's Feb. 8th meeting the board discussed:

- Contacting the PEC regarding the call process. PEC is scheduled to join us at our March 2nd board mtg.
- Supply pastors for upcoming special services
- The columbarium Rules and Regulations are available for the congregation
- Mission Camp will be July 19-25, 2026

RISE AGAINST HUNGER®

The RCC Spaghetti fundraiser was a huge success. Approximately 100 people attended including 3 from our congregation besides Debbie Absher and Allen Daniel, who were at Advent from 2:30-7:30 prepping, toasting garlic bread and cleaning up. The event raised over \$2000 toward our goal of \$3300. The balance due of \$350 will be paid from the benevolence fund.



Bring Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt!
Now collecting candy-filled plastic eggs in the fellowship hall. Easter egg hunt is on Palm Sunday, March 29th, 11:15am on the lawn.

Hello, March

Sun	Purple	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Second Sunday in Lent Bible Stories with Families 9:20am Band Prelude 9:45am Worship 10:00am Sunday School 11:15am		2 Church Board Mtg 7pm	3	4 11am Ardmore Moravian Worship Comm. Mtg 5:30pm Choir Practice 6:30pm	5	6	7
8 Third Sunday in Lent Bible Stories with Families 9:20am Band Prelude 9:45am Worship 10:00am Sunday School 11:15am		9	10	11 11am Fries Mem. Moravian Choir Practice 6:30pm	12	13	14
15 Fourth Sunday in Lent Bible Stories with Families 9:20am Band Prelude 9:45am Worship 10:00am Sunday School 11:15am		16 Newsletter Deadline	17	18 11am Fairview Moravian Choir Practice 6:30pm	19	20	21
22 Fifth Sunday in Lent Bible Stories with Families 9:20am Band Prelude 9:45am Worship 10:00am Sunday School 11:15am		23	24	25 11am Konnoak Hills Moravian Choir Practice 6:30pm	26	27	28 Cantata Choir Practice 10am
29 Palm Sunday Flowering of the Cross, Breakfast 9:00am Worship/Cantata 10:00am— Holy Communion Easter Egg Hunt 11:15am on the lawn		30	31	1	2	3	4



Sunnyside Items in high demand:
Canned Beans, Canned vegetables, Canned Soup, Canned Meats, Powdered Milk and Peanut Butter

Attendance

Weekly average for	Weekly average	Worship	Live-stream	Combined Worship Total	Sunday School
Jan. 2026	Total:	39	9	48	13
February	Week	Worship	Live-stream	Combined Worship	Sunday School
2/1/2026	1	NSS—Snow	0	0	0
2/8/2026	2	40	5	45	11
2/15/2026	3	40	8	48	15
2/22/2026	4	30	7	37	11
Average		37	7	44	12

Looking Ahead

- [Laurel Ridge Women's Retreat—April 24-26.](#) Please see flyer on bulletin boards for registration information or Traci Fisher.
- [Laurel Ridge Golf Tournament—April 24th.](#) 11:15 am Lunch, 1:00pm shotgun start. Please see flyers posted on bulletin board for registration information.
- [Mission Camp will be July 19-25](#)