

Moriah Messenger



February 2026

3611 Liberty Road, Greensboro, NC 27406

Dear Friends,

As I write this, I am looking out on an ice-covered yard and street, grateful for the sun doing its work melting the ice so we can safely be back together. I am grateful as well for the road crews, power crews, and first responders who have been working around the clock through this storm to keep us warm and safe! I grew up in Florida without seasons, and one of the things I love about North Carolina is that we get just enough of all four seasons. I must admit, though, that by the third day of ice, part of me is ready for Spring! Being apart on Sunday was a reminder of the power of connection when we gather together, and I give thanks for the community of the church.

Later this month, we will move into the liturgical season of Lent. We'll put ash crosses on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday (February 18), we'll pull out the purple adornments in our worship spaces, maybe you will give something up for 6 weeks, and we'll probably sing in a minor key more than we do the rest of the year.

In this season of Lent, we are getting ready for Easter. Beginning with Ash Wednesday, Lent is the 40-day (not including Sundays) period of preparation for Easter – one of the most important celebrations in the life of the church.

Often, we think of Lent as a time to give something up. Abstaining from something we enjoy during Lent is a form of the Christian practice of fasting. Fasting turns our attention away from our own desires and focuses it on God. Fasting also creates space for us to deepen our relationship with God.

Though the 40 days of Lent might seem like an eternity, fasting doesn't happen forever. The Christian life is a rhythm of fasts and feasts, each just as important as the other. Lent is a season of getting ready. All of our fasting in this season; all of our self-denial; all of our penitence and self-examination; all of our creating space for and focusing our desires on God; all of this gets us ready for the grandest celebration of new life that the world has ever known.

We can't gloss over the fast, whatever that looks like for you. You may choose to give something up, to add a more intentional prayer practice, to fast from food or meat one day a week, or simply to adopt a spirit of reflection. Easter needs preparation. Our hearts need this time of examination to grasp the miracle of Easter. But when you soon see flowers braving the frost; when you pack your coat up and take it out again, know that life is ahead.

I pray your fast is holy, that your feast may be glorious.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Andrew



Our Adult Sunday School Class meets at 10:50 AM after our morning worship service. We invite you to be part of our Revelation study. Previously we progressed through Revelation Chapter 9 where God demonstrates how His trumpet judgments impact the world and should lead people to repentance.

God blesses the one who reads the words of this prophecy in the church, and He blesses all who listen to its message and obey what it says, for the time is near. Revelation Chapter 1:3, NLT

Our weekly scripture readings follow:

February 1, Revelation Chapter 10:1-11, The Angel with the Small Scroll

February 8, Revelation Chapter 11:1-19, The Two Witnesses

February 15, Revelation Chapter 12:1-6, The Woman and the Dragon

February 22, Revelation Chapter 12:7-18, War in Heaven Where Michael the Archangel and His Angels Defeat the Dragon and His Angels, The Dragon Fights Again on Earth

"Look I am coming soon! Blessed are those who obey the words of prophecy written in this book."
Revelation Chapter 22:7, NLT

We are located upstairs in the Moser Cox building which is accessible by stairs and elevator. See or call Charles Little at 336-580-0197 for more information.



Please visit us on our:

Facebook Page: Moriah United Methodist Church

Website: Moriahumc.org

Instagram: moriah_methodist

February Nursery Volunteer Schedule



1 st	Diane SaintSing & Braelyn Jarman
8 th	Kimberly Jones & Megan Jarman
15 th	Kerwyn Jones & Josh Jarman
22 nd	Larry Cryan & Zia Williamson

February Meetings

Feb. 9th Helping Hands meeting at 4pm in the Moser Cox Hall.

Feb. 9th UMM meeting at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall



If any of the committees would like anything in the **March 2026 Newsletter**, please email to me by **Monday, February 23rd**.
Thank you!



Moriah UMC Office is open Monday, Wednesday & Thursday from 9:00 am- 2:00 pm. Please ring the bell and we will happily greet you. You can also email us at moriahumcoffice@gmail.com or call (336) 272-7988. Thank you.

On the following church and secular holidays, the church office will be closed:

New Year's Day

Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Third Monday of January)

Memorial Day (Last Monday of May)

Independence Day

Labor Day (First Monday of September)

Thanksgiving Day (Fourth Thursday of November)

Christmas Eve

Christmas Day



2 nd	Glenn Bentley
2 nd	Jeff Frye
14 TH	Erica Wood
16 th	Cade Burton
20 th	Bryan Little
22 nd	Libby Lemons



15 th	Danielle & AJ Jones
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Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Elsie Barefoot

Betty Fields

Andrew Lee

Jonathan Brewer

Cheryl Bullington

Drew Harris

Faye Garner



February 1 st	Zia Williamson
February 8 th	Kaylee Dalrymple
February 15 th	Phoenix Wood
February 22 nd	Lotus Wood



Feed My Sheep

Thank you for your generous donations to feed my sheep. We have taken tons of hats, gloves, clothes, blankets, toiletries etc. All donated by our own family here at

Moriah. We currently are supporting Look Up Ministries with their meals at the courthouse the last two Mondays on the month, we enjoy feeding the Coble House, kids last Friday of every month, and this year we have 8 under the bridge dates. Our team that serves every under the bridge will do 4 dates and we will have other groups do the other 4 dates with support if they need us.

Our dates are We tentatively are doing the following dates: 3/29, 5/9, 9/5, 12/5. May 9th is hot dog sale so we are going to order pizza and salad for 5/9 and lean on our friends at Holmes and Hearts On Fire to service that night as most our people will be doing the hot dog sale. Anyone who plans to do that night please let me know.

Here are the 4 dates we will have other people/organizations do with support from Feed My Sheep. 2/14/26, 6/13/26, 9/12/26, 12/12/2026. If you have a small group of friends, family, book club, sewing club, golf club, lifelong friends, college friends, etc. and would like to pick up any of these 4 dates please call Lauri for details. What a great year Praise the Lord!



Our time change has left attendance a little shaky but praise the Lord we are starting to gain momentum. Children are diving deeper into the Young Disciples Word as we travel our imagination station to continue our exploration! Our young friends are enjoying planning Valentine service as they lead us in song on Feb 15th. You're not going to want to miss them as they learn to serve with a joyful heart during our service.



Helping Hands Circle

Happy Valentines Month everyone!

Our first "Mission Dog" sale of 2026 was a tremendous success. We decided to start the year off with a BIG THANK YOU to all of our faithful supporters. There

were 608 hot dogs given away that day and of course everyone insisted on making a donation to our Mission Work. We are so blessed to be able to contribute to our community and beyond with your help.

Our Winter Project with Church World Services started on January 11th and will run until Easter Sunday, April 5th. The children will be collecting your change (and dollars) every Sunday during the time of offering. Please see our display on the stage explaining how we can help.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, February 9th at 4:00 PM. **PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE!** The next "Mission Dog" sale will be on Valentine's Day February 14th. Please come and join us for a great meal and a fantastic dessert.

Blessings,
Helping Hands Circle



Milton and Judy Barton dropped off pull tab's weighing about 18 pounds at the American Legion.

MORIAH UMC

PANCAKE SUPPER

Wed. February 18th

Starting at 5:30 pm

IN FELLOWSHIP HALL



Moriah UMC

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday,

February 18th

following Pancake

Supper



January **Lunch** 1/10/26

HOT DOG

Happy New Year



GIVING BACK
TO THE
COMMUNITY

Thank You
for supporting
our missions!

Moriah
Circle Group and Methodist Men



REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Jan. 11, 2026



COBLE 1/23/26 CENTER

