

January 2026

KMC Notes



JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31 NEW Year's EVE	1 2026	2	3
4 Walk Up Offering MH&SH activity after church	5 Finance Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.	6	7 MH&SH at StoCo 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice Sanctuary 7:00 p.m.	8 Circle of Help meeting at the home of Susie Grabs 1:00 p.m. (lunch provided)	9	10
11 Juniors youth activity after church (fell. hall)	12 Handbells 6:00 p.m. (old sanctuary)	13 Joint Board Meeting Fellowship Hall 6:30 p.m.	14 MH&SH at StoCo 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice Sanctuary 7:00 p.m.	15	16	17
18 MH&SH church clean up day after worship	19  Church Office Closed Handbells 6:00 p.m. (old sanctuary)	20	21 Circle of Joy 11:30 a.m. MH&SH at StoCo 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice Sanctuary 7 p.m.	22	23	24
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2 - Anne Campbell Pace

3 - Marion Smith

3 - Ana Jennings

3 - Brad Tuttle

6 - George Sells

7 - Ava Tilley

8 - Sally Sipes

9 - Gil Hammond

11 - Sally Hartgrove

11 - Lynn Emswiler

13 - Terri Lathan

14 - Tracy Cardwell

15 - Ed Sipes

15 - Lori Easter

17 - Carolyn Moran

19 - Cory Easter

20 - Ken Alley

20 - Piper Mathis

21 - Susan Moran

21 - Maegan Boaz-Earley

22 - Bonnie Crouch

22 - Janie Young

24 - Lynne Doby

24 - Cecilea Harper

25 - Ray Horner

26 - Emily Monteith

26 - Cooper Pratt

28 - Robin Kincaid

30 - Delaney Finn

31 - Geoff Jones



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1 - Olivia Shelton
3 - Dave Covington
3 - Lori Justis
4 - Cindy Thomas

5 - Stacey McKinnis
6 - John Mathis
7 - Jane Elolf
7 - Thomas Carroll

8 - Cole Cardwell
9 - Erica Nail
10 - Tom Langan
11 - Anna Grace Smith

13 - Chris Bullin
14 - Jessica Wall
15 - Heather Johnson

16 - Katie Edwards
19 - Chase Jackson
19 - Randall Patterson
20 - Tony Colburn

21 - Meredith Smith
21 - Walt Harper
22 - Miranda Hundley
25 - Ashlyn Smith

26 - Sheila Patterson
26 - Jim Hall
28 - Michelle Newsome
29 - Richard Smith

Monthly Musings

Youth Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic

Happy New Year! I hope the year is starting off for you the way you want it to. Typically, a newsletter message at this point in the year talks about new beginnings and fresh starts. But today I want to talk about something that started a long time ago and is still shaping me—and how sometimes the most important moments happen when we help deepen someone else's journey of faith.

When I was in the ninth grade, I was in the youth program at New Philadelphia Moravian Church. We got to take a mission trip to Jamaica. We landed in Montego Bay and then took a three hour plus bus ride into the interior of the island, up into the mountain community called Patricktown. There was a Moravian church that was in some disrepair, and our group worked on it all week. During the day we worked at the church, and in the evening we stayed in the homes of people who lived in the town.

I think back on this trip and how much it impacted me. It was the first time I was the minority. The first time I saw real poverty. I had to learn to eat what I was served, to live in a completely different way, to be welcomed by strangers who only knew me as a fellow Moravian. That trip shaped so much of who I am. It was, in so many ways, the beginning of my faith journey.

Here's the thing though—I couldn't have gone on that trip without help. My family couldn't afford it on our own. People in my congregation stepped up and sponsored me. They gave \$25 here, \$100 there, some gave more. I didn't realize it at the time, but those people weren't just writing checks—they were investing in my life. They were participating in my formation as a disciple. They were co-laborers in shaping who I would become. They planted a seed.

This May, our youth will have that same opportunity. They'll travel to Mission Emanuel in the Dominican Republic (May 30–June 5), partnering with a 30-year ministry serving over 500 children through schools, medical clinics, water purification, and community development. They'll work alongside Dominican partners on construction projects, run VBS programs, support medical clinics, and build relationships. The total cost per youth is \$2,155, covering airfare, lodging, and meals for the six-day trip.

We're inviting you to become a co-laborer in this mission. Here's how your gift participates in their journey:

Co-Laborer – \$25 or \$50 contributes toward youth trip expenses

Co-Laborer – \$195 covers one full day of lodging and meals

Co-Laborer – \$575 covers half the lodging and meals for the entire trip

Co-Laborer – \$1,000 covers complete airfare to the Dominican Republic

Co-Laborer – \$2,155 covers the complete mission experience for one youth

Every gift—no matter the amount—makes you a participant in what God is doing in a young person's life. You become part of their story. You help create the moment when they realize God's work is bigger than they imagined. You invest in the experience that might set them on a path they'll still be walking 25 years from now.

The people who sponsored my trip to Jamaica didn't know how that experience would deepen my walk of faith. They couldn't have known how that seed they planted would grow. But they trusted that investing in a young person's faith journey mattered, even without knowing exactly where it would lead. They planted a seed and trusted God with the harvest.

As we start this new year, you have the opportunity to help deepen and expand the faith journeys already unfolding in our youth. When you give to this mission trip, you're not just sending kids to the Dominican Republic. You're investing in the next chapter of their journey. You're helping their faith grow deeper roots. You're becoming co-laborers in Christ's mission of transformation—for our youth, for the people of Nazaret and Cielo, and maybe even for yourself.

Happy New Year!

Zach

More information on how to give will be available in the coming week.

Remember D E C E M B E R

King Moravian's Women's Fellowship's Inaugural Candle Tea was a smashing success!!! Thanks to the work of over 50 volunteers, we led over 200 church and community members through the amazing experience that is a KMC Candle Tea. It was an excellent way to kick off the holiday season! Visitors were taken through six different areas where they learned about the history and traditions of a Moravian Christmas.



Visitors were introduced to church history, Moravian music, the Moravian star, and candle-making. Thanks to Kelly Norman, visitors were also able to experience one of the most

expansive Christmas Putz in the area, a very special treat. Visitors finished their tour with a traditional Lovefeast before heading to the Moravian Market. Thanks to all the talented church members, the market was filled with Christmas crafts, beautiful stars, yummy baked goods, and chicken pies!!



The overwhelming success was not only reflected in the profits of over \$5000, but the amazing feeling of community, fellowship, and the light of God's love reflected throughout the event. Everyone really pitched in to make this special event not only for those who experienced it, but those who volunteered as well!!



Mark your calendars, because we will have the 2nd Annual KMC Candle Tea on November 20th and 21st 2026!! We hope everyone will make this part of their Christmas tradition!!

-Sheila Patterson

Did you see that Moravian Mug and Candle rolling down Main Street in King? On Saturday, December 6th, KMC entered its first float in the holiday parade, and we even kept the coffee hot! Everyone loved it!



The brainchild of Meredith Smith, the float was constructed by a group of volunteers from the church. Young and old alike were excited to ride on the float and bestow lots of candy on the parade goers. Our float even made the Stokes News!

-Chris Bullin

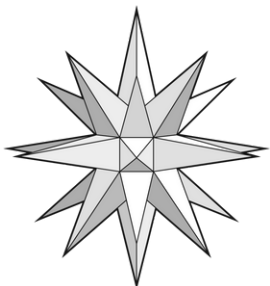


Photo courtesy of Rachael Butts

Special December Services brought joy of the Christmas Season our congregation and our community. KMC's youth reminded us of the simplicity of the message of Christmas with their Christmas play on Sunday evening, December 7.



Lessons and Carols filled the church for two services on December 14th. Many guests return year after year for this performance and consider it the highlight of their Christmas season!



Special December Services continued...

Christmas Eve is always a special time of anticipation and this year was no exception. We welcomed many guests for the two services and sent them into the evening with the spirit of Christmas in their hearts.



Mountain Music Christmas was held on Sunday, December 28th. Zach invited us to enjoy traditional mountain music and spirituals in this music centric service. Several folks in the congregation enjoyed the more relaxed atmosphere of the service including Lori Justice and Homer Dearmin.

The service was relaxing and fun way to worship after a busy Christmas season. It was the perfect close to the season and an opportunity to reflect on all the wonderful things we enjoyed throughout the holiday.

-April Strader Bullin



Kids at KMC



build a foundation for faith through
age-appropriate Bible learning

SUNDAY SCHOOL



K-5th grade

10:00 am

Sunday mornings



Middle/Senior High

KMC Youth House



Morning Opportunities

BIBLE TIME

infants - Pre-k

10:45 am - 12:00 pm

Sunday mornings

Infants - Pre-K age children are invited to the church nursery for Bible - based fun, including coloring, stories, and semi-structured playtime



GODLY PLAY

K-3rd grade

11:30 am - 12:00 pm

2nd and 4th Sundays

On the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month, Kindergarten - 3rd grade age children are invited to leave worship for Godly Play where they will learn foundational bible stories through quiet reflection, structured play, story-specific props along with follow-up discussions.



WHERE WE WANDERED 2025

Over the past several months, our Junior Youth have been exploring what it means to live out the two greatest commandments Jesus teaches: to love God and to love our neighbors through hands-on service, creative reflection, and shared wonder. Here's a snapshot of our recent gatherings:



Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. Mark 12:30

Exploring Wonder

- Practiced noticing beauty, asking thoughtful questions, and listening with care.
- Reflected on how God's light guides us and how each of us carries light meant to be shared.

Baking as a Spiritual Practice

- Joined Ms. Sue Gentry to explore how baking can teach us about faith—measuring, mixing, waiting, and trusting the process as a metaphor for how God helps our faith grow.

Learning About Leadership

- Reflected on how each of us can be a leader in our community.
- Heard from Leah and Cynthia about their leadership roles in our church.
- Built a model community together and placed themselves as leaders within it.



Love your neighbor as yourself. Mark 12:31

Practicing Neighbor-Love Through Service

- Packed and delivered trick-or-treat bags for the residents of Priddy Manor, putting Jesus' teaching into action: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Planting for the Future

- Planted bulbs in the church prayer garden as an act of quiet service.
- Talked about how small, loving actions can grow into something beautiful that blesses others.

Sharing Love Through Our Christmas Post Office

- Hosted a Christmas Post Office throughout Advent, inviting church members to place Christmas cards in A-Z mailboxes.

Junior Youth Journeys

exploring faith, friendship, and fun
k-5th grade

Please pick up your Christmas cards in the Narthex.



Junior Youth received \$170 in donations to help rebuild churches damaged by the hurricane in Jamaica.



WANDER AS WE WONDER 2026

TUNED TO GRACE

Sunday, January 11 • after church • Fellowship Hall

A gifted musician, Vivian Mayers, will share her gift of music as we explore how God speaks through sound, silence, and shared creativity.



Featuring Vivian Mayers
Instructor | Salem Suzuki Violin Studio
salemsuzukiviolinstudio.com

GAME DAY EDITION

Sunday, January 25 • after church • Fellowship Hall

Score big by joining us off the field to learn about God through team-building and discovering how faith can be active, joyful, and shared.



YOU MATTER. WE SEE YOU.

Sunday, February 8 • after church • Fellowship Hall

Experience an afternoon of creativity and wonder as we explore our worth and share encouragement through art and affirmation.



LOVE LOVE LOVE

Sunday, February 22 • after church • Fellowship Hall

Come explore loving God with all your heart, mind, body and soul in our everyday lives.



Youth Connections

belonging • building • belief
6th - 12th grades

January



4th

Youth Activity

fellowship hall
after church

14th

StoCo
PROVISION



6:30 pm

18th

Church Cleanup Day



after church

28th

StoCo
PROVISION



6:30 pm



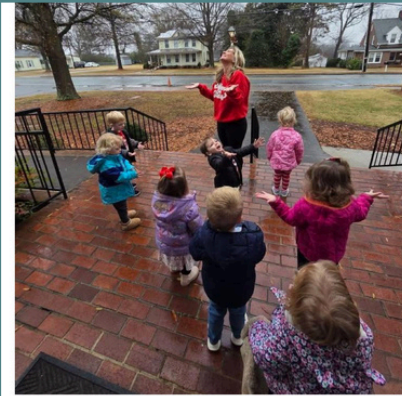
Adventures of Our Preschool Family



Angel Tree

Thank you to all who gave gifts and money for the foster children of Stokes County this past Christmas. You gave from the heart that was evident because the gifts were so generous. I am sure Christmas morning was special for these children. Every year I think this will be the last year I chair this project and again, this year I was blessed with some God filled moments.

Thank you! - Sue Gentry



King Moravian Church

Year to Date Financials

January - September
2025

Offerings	Expenses*	Over/(Short)
\$288,164	\$303,403	-\$15,239

*Includes Provincial share

Brief Summary	Amount
Building Insurance increased by	\$4,067
Church Cleaning higher by (floor waxing)	\$2,170
Building maintenance and repairs were higher by	\$1,881
Evangelism higher by (incl 2024 Laurel Ridge Sch.)	\$1,185

Capital Campaign Distributions	Amount
Youth House	\$240
Picnic Shelter preliminary plans	\$800
Air System (old sanctuary)	\$3,535
Lighting (old sanctuary)	\$8,289
Rewire/Panel Box(old sanctuary)	\$11,609
Wall & Ceiling Repair (old sanctuary)	\$2,150
Total Distributed Funds	\$26,623

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