Clemmons Moravian Church

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2026

Prelude: "Ode to Joy"	Setting by Joseph Lowe/P. Lehenbauer
Presentation of the Flags:	Larry Matthews & Roger Shronts
Welcome and Prayer:	Christopher C. Thore
*Moravian Birthday Hymn: "With Your Presence, Lord" In honor of Gordon Mellish's 100th Birthday	Page 447 (Tune 444)
*Liturgy: Stewardship (Page 154)	Christy Clore
The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings Offertory: "Come Down, Lord" *Doxology & Offertory Prayer	Stan Pethel
Dismiss Children to Children's Church	
Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18	Page 1076
Matthew 25: 1-13	Page 903
Congregational Response : "Thanks Be To God"	
*Hymn: "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"	Page 652
Message: "The Coming Interruption"	Christopher C. Thore
*Hymn: "Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire"	Page 590
*Benediction:	
*Postlude: "God of the Ages"	Setting by P. Lehenbauer

**Please stand, if able*

We're glad you are worshiping with us, and we especially welcome those who are visiting! Please contact our pastor or the church office if you have questions or are interested in joining our church family.

Christopher C. Thore	*Pastor*
Christy Clore	*Associate Pastor*
Eric Powell	*Music Director*
Jeanell Brown	*Interim Organist*
Donna Rothrock	*Band Director*
Rhonda Shronts	*Office Manager*
Suzanne Howard	*Financial Manager*

The **flowers** placed in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of **Gordon Mellish** and his **100th birthday**.

As in past years, we invite your valuable feedback through the **2027 Time and Talent and Giving pledges**. You can fill out the paper copy included in the November newsletter as well as use the included QR codes also in the November newsletter to access the electronic forms, **pick up a paper copy to fill in from the vestibule of the Sanctuary,** or click on the button in the weekly e-blast that will be available for the next few weeks.

Our **Thanksgiving Lovefeast** is Sunday, November 22nd during 10:30am worship. Please bring non-perishable food items for our annual collection/donation to Clemmons Food Pantry. Once again, They are in great need this year.

The volunteers at **A Storehouse for Jesus** continue to appreciate your many contributions over the past months. The greatest need at this time is for **children's clothing**. Donations can be dropped off in the box in the narthex or see Roger McCauley at church on Sundays to put them in his vehicle for delivery.



3 versions of Advent devotional books will be available for you to use at home during each day of the upcoming Advent season. Beginning on Sunday, November 15, ***A Grand Miracle***, the study designed for adults, will offer a daily scripture, a quote from the writings of C.S. Lewis. ***Advent Seasonings***, is a study we'll share with our youth and their families – offering scripture along with food themed reflections to make the incarnational journey memorable. ***Come and See the Savior!*** offers a daily invitation for our younger kiddos and their parents to share an activity each day as they prepare to receive the Christ Child.

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Children's Church

Today
Elizabeth & Mayne Hill

Next Week
(No CC)
Christ Chief Elder Festival

Infant & Toddler Nursery

Today
Vanessa Cuellar
Volunteer

Next Week
Vanessa Cuellar
Volunteer

Greeters

Today
Doug & Marcia Payne

Next Week
Martha Rowe

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP FALL BAZAAR
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH
8:00 am until 1:00 pm



We hope you, your family, friends, and neighbors will join us for this yearly event. Sausage biscuits, coffee, sugar cake, and soft drinks will be available throughout the event, so please join us that morning for breakfast.

We will have 30+ vendors selling their unique crafts of Fall and Christmas items along with our ladies having a bake sale, dessert raffle, and country store. Homemade sugar cake, along with pecans and cheese straws will also be available This yearly bazaar is the Women's Fellowship main fundraiser for the year and enables us to donate to many local charities throughout the community. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, November 14th!

Christmas Treasures Sale
Saturday December 5th from 8:00am- 12pm

The time is drawing closer for this anticipated event! As this is a church wide project, we hope everyone will plan to participate in helping make it a success. Your donations of gently used holiday items can be brought to the Fellowship Hall beginning Monday November 30 – Friday, December 4 each day from 3:30 PM – 7 PM. Remember, your old "stuff" could become someone else's new treasure. Many other things need to be done that week including moving items from the hut, pricing and displaying items on tables, fluffing trees and bows, checking lights and electric ornaments, getting the Christmas tree forest display in order, decorating wreaths or small trees, helping the day of the sale, cashiering that day, packing up and removing left over items after the sale, and cleaning up (only takes about an hour). Many hands are needed. We have lots of fun and good fellowship so please come and help any day that week even if you can only be there for a short time.

Kay Burke, Martha Clopton, and Betty Lou McCauley



Our Sunnyside Food Collection Item of the Month for NOVEMBER is:
CANNED VEGETABLES

Is a child or youth in your life interested in being one of our **Morning Star singers** during our Christmas Eve Lovefeasts this year? If you have not already indicated an interest yet, it's not too late. Please contact pChristy by phone (336-473-1248) or email (christy@clemmonsmoravian.org) **by November 15**. Singers will be invited to rehearsals currently planned for December 6, 13, 20, and 23.

The Covenant Class wants your money… ..for the 2026 **Samaritan Ministries Penny Campaign.** The Class will be collecting pennies, nickels, etc.. and even green money during November. Look for the marked containers in the Education Building and the Narthex.

This Week at Our Church

Fellowship Hall (FH) Library (L) Parlor (P)

Sunday, November 8

8:00am	Men's Breakfast/Program Planning (FH)
9:15 - 10:15 am	Gordon Mellish 100th BD Reception (P)
9:30 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Worship
11:30 am	WF Candle Trim and Pizza Lunch (FH)

Monday, November 9

5:30 pm	Child Services Comm. Mtg. (L)
7:00 pm	Band

Tuesday, November 10

6:30 pm	CE/YF Comm. Mtg. (L)

Wednesday, November 11 - *Veteran's Day*

Preschool Closed	
6:00 pm	Spangenberg Ringers
7:00 pm	Church Choir

Thursday, November 12

9:30 - 11:00/3:30	Children's Chapels (S)
6:00 pm	Stewardship Comm. (L)
7:00 pm	Elders Mtg. (L)

Friday, November 13

Childcare Closed	
All Day	Fall Bazaar Set-Up & Sugar Cake Prep (FH)

Saturday, November 14

8:00 am - 1:00 pm	Fall Bazaar (FH)

Sunday, November 15

9:30 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Worship - Holy Communnion
11:15 am	Church Council



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

It's hard to believe, but the Christmas season will soon be approaching and the time is arriving to order your Christmas poinsettias in memory or in honor of your loved ones. Poinsettias are again $26 and you may place your order with Peggy Hagood or Gloria Gamble. You may reach Peggy at 336-766-2351 or 336-671-9673 or Gloria at 336-409-8805.

All orders must be placed by November 17th.

Church Council

On November 15th, our annual Church Council will convene immediately after the worship service to hold elections for the Board of Trustees and Elders of Clemmons Moravian Church. We urge you to attend if you are able. **On this day we also celebrate the Festival of Christ the Chief Elder with Holy Communion.** The nominees bios are below to help you get to know more about the nominees.

Elder Nominees

Randy Fulton - I have been blessed by Clemmons Moravian and would like to continue in my service by remaining on the Board of Elders. I grew up in this Church and have had many roles over the years. I currently am the Chair of the Christian Education/Youth Committee, coordinator of Children's Church, help with Children's Club, and participate in as many activities as I am able. I have been married to Pam for 44 years and she is the one who makes my involvement at Clemmons possible. I would be honored to serve another term on the Board of Elders.

Julie Hughes - I am a retired aviation professional and currently serve as Executive Director of the HondaJet Owners and Pilots Association. I am blessed with a beautiful daughter who lives in Philadelphia. I was drawn to Clemmons Moravian by a desire to grow in my faith and by the welcoming, loving, and caring spirit of its members, who made me feel at home. Years ago, I served on the Board of Trustees at Messiah Moravian Church, an experience that strengthened my appreciation for church leadership and service. My mission in life is to make a difference by helping others, serving my community, and using the gifts God has given me. I am humbled and honored to be nominated and would welcome the possible opportunity to serve our congregation and support its mission.

Suzanne Mann - Since joining Clemmons Moravian Church in 1984 my walk of faith has occurred with the support and love of my church family. During this time, I have served several roles in the church including teaching Sunday school for 26 years, serving on the Board of Elders as well as several committees and activities such as Christian Education, Child Services, Human Resource, Children's Church, Kids Night Out, Vacation Bible School, the nursery, the transition team and serving as a Synod delegate. My husband John and I were married in Clemmons Moravian Church, and our daughters were baptized and confirmed here. My hobbies include watching and attending sporting events, traveling and Bible study. If elected, it would be an honor to serve God and this congregation.

Trustee Nominees

Robyn Glance - I consider it an honor to be asked to run for the board of trustees of Clemmons Moravian Church even though I have only been a member for less than two years. My husband Jeff and I are part of a very close knit family. I have two kids of my own and five bonus kids. All of these kids have blessed us with ten grandkids who are the joy of my life. I have been a lifelong Moravian, growing up in Bethesda Moravian Church, where I served in many roles,

Robyn cont. - including treasurer. At Christ Moravian, I worked with the youth in numerous roles and served on the Leadership Board. My passion has been working with the youth and missions, leading youth groups on many mission trips, working on hurricane relief in Mississippi, and traveling to the Ray of Hope Orphanage in Africa.

Professionally, I have a BS in Accounting from UNC-Charlotte. My early career was in public accounting as a CPA and then serving as a Chief Financial Officer, first for Orthopaedic Specialists of the Carolinas for twenty-one years, then for the Moravian Church in America, Southern Province for nine years until my retirement in 2024. My time now is spent volunteering at Sunnyside Ministry, reading on the beach with Jeff and crafting.

Kent Kirkman - I am currently serving on the Board of Trustees and have offered to serve an additional three-year term. I grew up in Clemmons and have been a life -long member of Clemmons Moravian Church. I am married to Lisa Kirkman and have two adult daughters, who were raised at CMC and, like me, enjoyed yearly summer camps at Laurel Ridge. I have previously served on the Board of Trustees at CMC, been involved in Men's Fellowship, and have been a diener for close to 50 years. After 30 years in the commercial moving business, I joined the Winston-Salem police department and retired from there in 2021.With my extensive knowledge of the history of this church, I believe I would be an asset to the Board and its subcommittees. Thank you for your consideration.

Kenneth Lankford - I am married to Tonya Lankford, and we live in Mocksville, North Carolina. We have two grown children and three grandchildren, Sam, Inez, and Olivia. I have been a member of Clemmons Moravian Church for approximately five years, where I have had the opportunity to serve as a trustee. I am currently employed as a Sales Manager with SRI Performance Racing in Mooresville, North Carolina. I was raised in Cleveland, North Carolina, and graduated from West Rowan High School. I am also a graduate of Lincoln Technical College in Nashville, Tennessee. I spent much of my career in NASCAR, working with various race teams, primarily as a Shop Foreman. Outside of work, my greatest passion is Angus cattle farming. My wife and I own Cool Springs Angus Farm, where we have approximately 125 Angus cattle, along with a horse, a dog, and a cat. Farming is truly where my heart is, and I look forward to retirement, when I can dedicate more of my time to growing and expanding our farming operation. Giving back to others is also very important to me. Following Hurricane Matthew, I spent two years volunteering in Lumberton, North Carolina, helping families and members of the community rebuild after devastating flooding damaged and destroyed many homes and businesses. More recently, in conjunction with area Moravian churches and other generous individuals and organizations, I spent a year working alongside dedicated volunteers to help refurbish a home in Lansing, North Carolina, that was badly damaged by Hurricane Helene. I strongly believe in "paying it forward." Helping others during some of their most difficult times has been incredibly meaningful to me, and I believe God called me to serve others in this way.