

In this hour we ask a special blessing upon those who create and gather and collect those stories in our congregations; those who administer and guide the work of our Moravian Archives; and all who support our Archives with special gifts of volunteer time, financial support and items of material remembrance. Strengthen and encourage us all in our work in sharing your Good News through our lives of ongoing witness.

**To you be the Glory. Amen.**

## Upcoming Events

### May 2, 2021 - Anniversary Lovefeast & Picnic

Lovefeast buns will be available to pick up as you arrive and eat during the service, but you will need to bring your own beverage. Also, you may bring a picnic lunch for your family and eat outside after the service if you like. Church Council has been postponed until the fall.

There will be a shred event at Fairview Moravian Church on Saturday, May 1 from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon. A \$5.00 donation is requested per box or bag.

Konnoak Hills Moravian Church will host a blood drive on Saturday, May 8 from 11:00 am until 3:30 pm. To make an appointment, go online to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), click on donate and search Sponsor Code KHM. Contact the church office at 336-788-9321 with any questions. All donors must have a photo ID.

## Flower Calendar

May 2 - Anniversary Lovefeast

Women's Fellowship

May 9 - Mother's Day

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May 16

Edna Palmer

May 23 - Pentecost Communion

Alisha Webb

May 30

Judy Weavil

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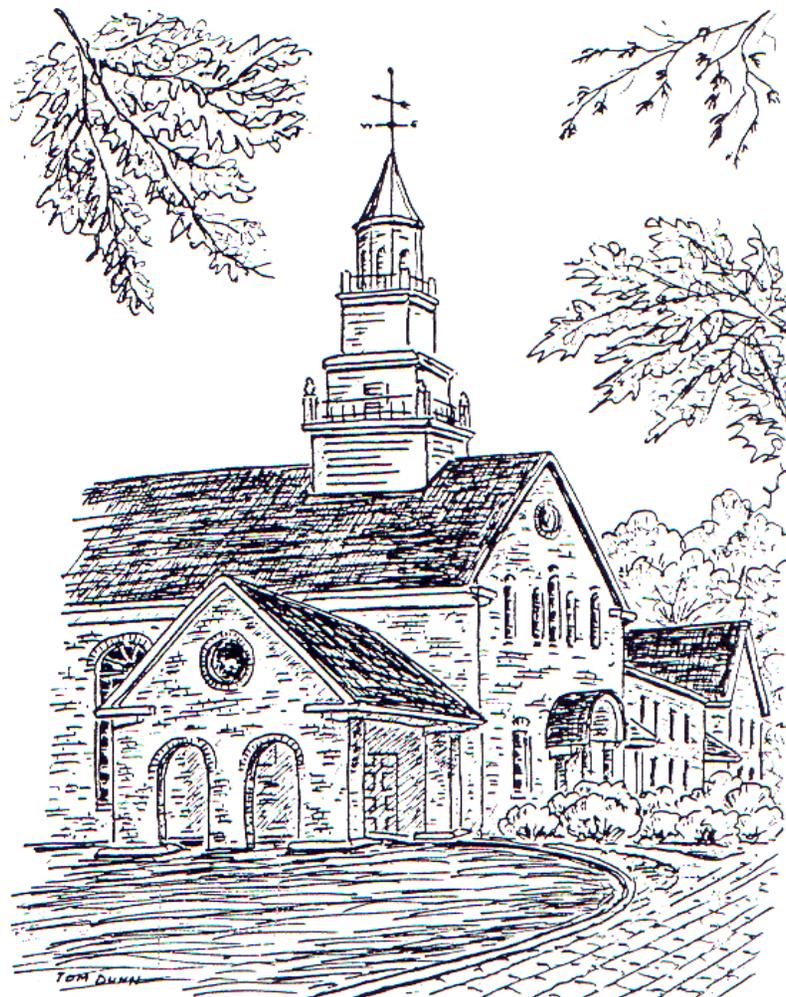
# Friedland Moravian Church

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**April 25, 2021**

**Worship 10:00 AM**

Our purpose is to make the Lord Jesus Christ a reality in the lives of people.



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## Order of Service

**Handbells Prelude** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”  
arr. Dan R. Edwards

### Welcome and Announcements

**Hymn** “Joining Our Voices” Page 535

**Liturgy** Liturgy for Moravian Archives Sunday

**Scripture Reading** Psalm 23  
Acts 4:5-12

### Children’s Message

**Handbells Anthem** “Sing Praise to God who Reigns Above”  
arr. Kevin McChesney

**Scripture Reading** John 10:11-18

### Sermon

**Hymn** “How Great the Bliss to Be a Sheep of Jesus” Page 593

### Benediction

### Postlude

**Watchword for the Week:** Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” John 10:11

**Mission Prayer Focus:** Pray for Adopt A Village in Tanzania.

**Please place your offering in one of the designated areas before or after the service.**

The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Thomas and Treva Kimball and Linda Kimball Jarvis.

*At the request of the Elders, in order to preserve a reverent spirit of worship,  
please silence your cell phone, refrain from taking pictures,  
and do not bring food or drink into the sanctuary.*

## Liturgy for Moravian Archives Sunday

(Standing)

Heavenly Father, we are a community who remembers your love for us, made manifest in each generation by your works and wonders.

**We see Your love in acts of grace and mercy, in the boldness of your prophets and the humility of your saints.**

The stories of faith come down to us from those who have gone before.

**We celebrate the gift of your great and abiding love for us.**

Lord Jesus Christ, our hearts are filled with the stories of your faithfulness, of your crucifixion, and resurrection. We hear of the faith of the apostles, of Jan Hus, of Comenius, of Zinzendorf.

**We hear of faith of missionaries and pioneers who proclaimed your word to the ends of the earth, who built communities of faith and witness.**

Our grandmothers and grandfathers heard the stories of faith from those who went before them and were inspired to build this space for worship. They passed the stories of faith, hope, and love on to us.

**Their stories inspire us to faithful living today and compel us to share the message of faith with our neighbors and children today.**

Holy Spirit, work in our lives to make us aware of the story of faith going on around us each day. Give us eyes that can see acts of mercy and love, ears that can hear words of comfort, mouths that can speak words of caring, feet that can walk alongside of others.

**Help us to see your hand in the daily events of our lives. Help us to understand the ways you create grace and hope out of moments that seem ordinary and hard.**

Make us aware of our responsibility to pass that witness on, to tell the stories of inspiration so that future generations will know of Your love.

**So that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.**

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, abide in us and our efforts to remember and share your witness through our Moravian stories to the world.

**Bless those who gather and care for those stories of your Love and the actions that love has inspired in us.**