

# District Developments



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*On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, I had the opportunity to travel to Ohio for the anniversary of Schoenbrunn Village. Perhaps you read all about it in The Moravian Magazine. It was a powerful time of learning, celebrating, facing harsh realities, and pondering how our past informs the present and future. While there, I was amazed by the well-coordinated events. It was obvious that hours of planning and preparation had gone into each detailed opportunity that was presented. The Rev. John Wallace was behind much of the planning, and I asked him to share what this celebration entailed and what it meant to the Schoenbrunn Village community – and our larger Moravian community.*

## **“Reflections on being a Schoenbrunn Volunteer” From Rev. John Wallace**

Two cultures, Delaware Nation and German Missionaries,

found ways to share, work, learn, and live together under the grace of our Lord and Savior. Carved out of the wilderness from 1772 – 1777, the site of the first protestant church, the first school and the first set of laws west of the Appalachian Mountains. Rising out of the blood, sweat and tears of following Jesus, this mission site flowed with the water eternal renewal and peace in this valley, the German Moravian missionaries called this site: Schoenbrunn meaning “beautiful spring”.

When I started my call to serve the First Moravian Church of Dover, Ohio, some 13 years ago, I joined the Historic Schoenbrunn Village advisory committee as a Moravian clergy representative. (I think no other clergy really wanted to serve on this committee) I have a passion for history, so this seemed like a natural fit for me.



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The Schoenbrunn Mission is not “my local history” but it is part of my “Moravian heritage”. I wanted to learn and help tell this Ohio wilderness heritage, so I volunteered at the village as a do-cent. As a pastor, I have advocated that as clergy we should volunteer and serve in the community where I live.

Beginning in 2018, I was invited to join a team preparing to revamp the museum and plan for the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2022. I committed to committee, communicate, champion, connect and recreate a renewed interest in this history. In that time I have must have spent hundreds of volunteer hours on the redesign of the museum, working alongside members of the Delaware Nation and the Ohio History Connection, sketch pad in hand, I drew out my ideas, laid out possibilities and worked the details as well as the problems.

Praying, pausing, planning, phoning, pleading, preparing, passionately inspiring, passionately defending, raising money, emailing, texting, writing grants and rewriting grants, organizing ideas, drawing out plans, and reshuffling priorities for the museum and a yearlong celebration filled my days while serving on the committee. A layer of Covid19, caused us to “hit the brakes” and do very little planning for most of 2020.

Collaborating with others has always been a priority in Moravian circles of faith. This project stretched me to work with other larger governmental and cultures entities including the State of Ohio, the Delaware Nation, the Moravian Northern Province, the Dennison Depot and the city of New Philadelphia. The 250<sup>th</sup> has had many joys, some bumps and even frustrations along the way. When working with so many organizations, you need to realize – “finding common ground” is essential. We found the better ground and worked our way toward the middle. Like Mic Jager once

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sang, "You can't always get what **you** want." I learned that lesson as well. Compromise validates lasting results and builds progress for the whole neighborhood.



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The Schoenbrunn story demonstrates for me how God's love and human cooperation can thrive in most difficult of situations. History teaches us such lessons.

So. Come. Find us in Ohio this summer and experience this rich lesson of cooperation, peace and common ground along the banks of the Tuscarawas River, a history lesson we can all embrace for our lives.

**Editor's Note: Thank you to Rev. John Wallace for his contribution of this article.**



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Did you know... that the Board of World Mission not only works with partners around the globe, but that we would love to engage you and your congregation or ministry in mission?

BWM staff members are once again available to hit the road! If you would like to have a mission speaker at your congregation or if you're willing to host an event for folks who are interested in serving, we would love to come to you! We

would be happy to walk you through a process on how to discern the needs in your community or help you identify global ministries that you can be involved in. The BWM covers all of our travel costs to show up at your church's front door and be of service in any way we can.

Even if your interest is as simple as, "I would like to do mission work, but I don't know where to start?"... we can help!

If you want to get a head start yourself, visit [www.MoravianMission.org](http://www.MoravianMission.org) and click on "Resources" to see a sampling of what we have to offer!



### Adult Mission Camp

Experience the joy of working with others as you join in Christian fellowship, sharing your God-given skills and talents while helping with needed projects at camp. Learn how to live your faith in service to others with fellow Moravians.

Food and lodging provided. There will also be free time each afternoon to enjoy swimming, boating, fishing (bring your own equipment), or just relaxing. Campfires will be held each evening, weather-permitting.

### Mission Camp Details

Ages: Open to ALL ADULTS!

Dates: June 13 - 19, 2022

Come for as many days as you are able!

*For planning purposes, we ask that you pre-register for the number of days you will be available: [Register for Mission Camp](#)*

Cost: Thanks to generous support from the Board of World Mission, there is no cost to attend this camp.

Leadership:

- ★ Deans Brian and Janet Diehl, Mountainview Moravian Church, Hellertown, PA
- ★ Chaplain Cynthia Rader Geyer, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries at Moravian Church, NP, ED
- ★ In cooperation with the Moravian Board of World Mission



### Calling Youth of All Ages!

***The Eastern District Church in Society Ministry Team Invites Youth of all Ages to Create a Visual Expression of Mathew 25:35***

*"I was hungry and you gave me food,*

*I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,*

*I was a stranger and you welcomed me,*

*<sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing,*

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*I was sick and you took care of me,*

*I was in prison and you visited me.”*

All visual art is welcome: drawings, photos, fiber, digital.....be creative.

Show us what this important passage brings alive in you!

Submissions will be shared as part of our Art for Justice Exhibit (Date TBD) artists will be celebrated at that time. Submission deadline: September 5. Please send photos of your artwork to:

**The Church in Society Ministry Team in care of Rev. Tammie Rinker:** [tammierinker@gmail.com](mailto:tammierinker@gmail.com)



**Crossroads Info Session  
Saturday, June 18th at 10 AM,  
Moravian Theological Seminary,  
Bethlehem PA.**

Have you felt a desire to learn more about yourself, your call to work within the church or the community, or want to increase your practical knowledge of scripture, theology, leadership or spiritual formation? The Crossroads Lay Leadership Program is a great place to do just that! For over 12 years, we have been providing practical education for church leaders. In this Info Session we will be outlining the program and also exploring the courses to be offered this year which will help anyone who thinks they might have a call to lay pastoring. Lay Pastoring and pulpit supply are just two ways to serve in local congregations.

Register by email with Jill Peters: [petersj2@moravian.edu](mailto:petersj2@moravian.edu). Come in person or request the Zoom

link. We would love to meet you, get to know your educational needs, and share Crossroads with you. [www.moravianseminary.edu/crossroads](http://www.moravianseminary.edu/crossroads)

Fall 2022

Unpacking the Scriptures - Preaching  
Faith Journeys of the Old Testament  
Late Fall 2022  
Culture & Change

Winter 2023

Ministry Journeys of the New Testament  
Mapping the Route - Conversations in Theology

Spring 2023

Traveling Mercies - Congregational Care  
Traditions - World Religions and Protestant Denominations

**Dr. Jill Peters** - Missional Leadership Developer Moravian Theological Seminary  
[www.moravianseminary.edu/crossroads](http://www.moravianseminary.edu/crossroads)



We extend our sympathy and prayers of resurrection hope to **Sr. Brenda Cahill**, the Controller for the Moravian Church Northern Province. Her father, **Ron Gutek** entered the more immediate presence of the Lord on Saturday, May 21, at home, after being on hospice care for a few weeks. Please keep **Brenda, her husband Shawn and her family, including her mother Nancy**, in your prayers at this time of grief.

We extend our sympathy and resurrection hope to **Sr. Maggie Wellert**, retired pastor living in Easton, PA, upon the death of her mother,

Mattie Wellert, on May 8 in Pueblo, Colorado. Maggie passed away at the age of 96 after a long decline in health. Please keep **Maggie, her sister Pat, and their extended family** in your prayers at this time.

We invite your prayers for **Sr. Valerie Wagner**, a member of the Provincial Elders' Conference living in Waconia, Minnesota, who is recovering from surgery on her neck to fuse two discs and re-fuse two other discs from a prior surgery. Please keep **Valerie and her loved ones** in prayer during this time of recovery.

We invite your prayers for **Sr. Beth Rohn-Habegger**, pastor of the Wisconsin Rapids Moravian Church in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin. She will be having outpatient surgery for a complete hysterectomy which was postponed until Monday, June 13th. She requests prayers that all of the preparatory matters fall into place and that the surgery proceeds without any complications. Please keep **Beth, her spouse, Seth, and their children and extended family** in your prayers.

We extend our sympathy to the **family of Br. Willard Draeger**, retired missionary, who entered the more immediate presence of the Savior on May 14 at **Moravian Hall Square in Nazareth, PA** at the age of 101. He served in the mission field in Nicaragua and the East West Indies. His wife Lorraine passed away in 2016. Please keep **Will's sons and extended family** in your prayers. We are not aware of any funeral arrangements at this time.

**Please Pray for the following churches who are without pastors:**

**Canadian District:**

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Good Shepherd in Calgary, Alberta

### Eastern District:

Battle Hill, Union, New Jersey  
Central (Associate Pastor), Bethlehem, PA  
Covenant, York, PA  
York First, York, PA  
New Dorp, Staten Island NY  
Tremont Terrace, Bronx, NY  
Trinity, New Carrollton, MD

### Western District:

Unionville, Michigan  
West Salem, Illinois  
Our Saviors Moravian in  
Altura, Minnesota  
Additionally: two congregations  
that are not in the call process but  
are currently without pastors: Grace  
Moravian in Westland, Michigan  
and Daggett Moravian in Daggett,  
Michigan.



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**It's almost that time! Pre-orders  
for the 2023 Moravian Daily  
Texts will be starting soon.**



**Keep a look out for the flyer being  
mailed to homes by July 1.**

### June Birthdays & Anniversaries

#### June Birthdays

- 2 Mrs. Elizabeth Jurgen  
Mr. Ralph Wanamaker, Jr.  
Jackie Pasquinelli
- 4 The Rev. Dr. Willard Harstine
- 6 Mr. Daniel Joseph  
The Rev. Bill Rinderknecht
- 14 The Rev. Marlin Schaffstall
- 16 Mr. Frank Johnson  
The Rev. Patricia Honszer
- 17 Mrs. Kathleen Nicholas
- 18 Mrs. Doris Wenger
- 19 Mrs. Fay Thomas
- 26 The Rev. Otto Dreydoppel, Jr.
- 28 The Rev. Carol Dague  
Mrs. Eleanor Johnson
- 29 The Rev. Kevin Henning  
Mrs. Francina Harewood

#### June Anniversaries

- 10 The Rev. & Mrs. R. Burke  
Johnson
- 15 The Rev. & Mrs. Otto Dreydoppel, Jr.  
Mr. Daniel & Rev. Diane Joseph
- 17 The Rev. Andy Meckstroth &  
The Rev. Dr. Lynette Delbridge
- 19 The Rt. Rev. & Mrs. Douglas  
Kleintop
- 22 The Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Willard  
Harstine  
The Rev. & Mrs. David Bennett  
Mr. Frank & the Rev. Melissa  
Johnson
- 23 The Rev. & Mrs. John Fritts
- 26 The Rev. & Mrs. Terry Folk
- 27 The Rev. & Mrs. Dean Easton
- 30 The Rt. Rev. & Mrs. Chris  
Giesler

Churches celebrating June anniversaries

- 9 - 1957 - East Hills, Bethlehem, PA
- 11 - 1857 - Fry's Valley, New Philadelphia, OH
- 12 - 1955 - Battle Hill, Union, NJ

- 25 - 1742 - Central, Bethlehem, PA
- 1747 - Nazareth, PA
- 26 - 1988 - Fellowship, Brooklyn, NY

 MORAVIAN ARCHIVES



### Herrnhut 1722 – A Fresh Look at the Origins of the Moravian Church: A Three-part Webinar Series via Zoom

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm (EDT) on:  
June 21, June 28, and July 5, 2022.  
Registration Fee: \$49.50 for the three-  
part series (including reading materials).

For more information or to register:

<https://www.moravianchurcharchives.org/event/webinar-series-herrnhut-1722-a-fresh-look-at-the-origins-of-the-moravian-church/2022-06-21/>



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