

# WD News & Notes

The Newsletter of the  
Moravian Church,  
Western District  
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## *Bruce's Babblings*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Greetings from Minnesota where I am taking a couple of vacation days. My wife and I are babysitting our 21 month-old grandson while his parents are gone for a long weekend.

In Ecclesiastes 3:1 we can find the following words, *“For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven.”*

Yesterday my grandson and I took two walks to get some fresh air and for me to get some steps in. After that he wanted to play on his new swing and slide. Once on his swing he said to me, “Grandpa, push higher!” My grandson loves to be pushed on his swing. I looked at my watch when I started pushing him and when we were done with me pushing him. I pushed him on his swing for 20-25 straight minutes. This activity was much easier than chasing him around with a soccer ball.



Thinking about the time I spent pushing my grandson made me ponder the whole concept of time. As we hear in Ecclesiastes 3, there is a time for every matter under heaven.

I was amazed as I reflected on this activity. Several things amazed me.

- ✓ I was amazed that he wanted to continue to do the same activity for about 25 minutes.
- ✓ I was amazed that the 25 minutes I spent pushing him seemed to go pretty fast for both

my grandson and myself. It didn't seem like it had been that long until I looked at my watch.

- ✓ I can tell you I never pushed one of my own children on a swing for 25 minutes. Now, I could beat myself up over not spending enough time playing with my children, but then I remember that I never had just one child at that age without other children around. I also was working and was often very tired when my children were that age except for the few times we were on vacation.
- ✓ Another thing that amazed me is that I have a much different concept of time in my sixties than I had in my 20's and 30's. When I was in my 20's and 30's I often seemed rushed with not enough hours in a day. Now I realize that we all have the same 24 hours.

I cannot have back the time when my children were smaller and perhaps I didn't spend enough time with them. But, then again, I'm not sure I would want it back. If you are someone in your 20's or 30's with small children, make the most of the time you have but don't be too hard on yourself with how you allot your time. I have been amazed as I have seen my adult children juggle work responsibilities, taking care of the house and yard, and being very involved parents. I wonder how they get it all done. Then I remember that my wife and I did the same thing. (We were younger then!)

If you are someone who has grandchildren, I would encourage you to give your adult children a break and spend some quality time as you are able with your grandchildren.

Remember, time is a gift. I encourage you to use it wisely!  
Serving Christ with you,  
*Rev. Bruce J. Nelson*  
On behalf of the Western District Executive Board

# YOU BELONG



Join us @ the Plus 50 Retreat  
@ Mt. Morris  
for Everyone in the Over 50  
Crowd  
August 11 – 14, 2022

This summer, You Belong is hosting a three week All Abilities Athletic Day Camp. The camp will focus on learning different sports, competing in a friendly atmosphere, and learning about overall health. This camp is for ALL ages (1-101) and all abilities and is offered free of charge. Whether you are an experienced athlete or learning for the first time, this camp is a great opportunity to grow and learn!

We welcome anyone who is interested to be part of this camp as a participant or as a volunteer! If you would like to help out with this fun daytime event, please email Pastor Greg Behrend ([greg@youbelongwi.org](mailto:greg@youbelongwi.org)). Ways to serve at the Athletic Camp include:

- Coaching team – help coach a small group of athletes
- Buddy – work one-on-one with an individual who might need some assistance to fully participate
- Sideline team – help with registration, snacks, and equipment

Please note: You can be involved in as much or as little of camp as you want. If you can join us for 1 day, GREAT! If you can help for all three weeks, AMAZING!

**When:** June 20 - July 8, Mon-Fri, 1 p.m.- 4 p.m.

**Where:** YMCA East Campus (Green Bay)

To help us make this camp a reality, we are welcoming our Athletic Camp Director, Rachel Paden, a Moravian from the Unified Sports team from Ohio!

Learn more at [YouBelongWI.org](http://YouBelongWI.org).  
All registrations are due by June 17th.

“Breathe on Me ...”



**Fellowship, Faith, Food & Fun**  
as we enjoy God’s creation!

Registration begins @ 4 p.m. on Thursday followed by dinner at 5:30 p.m. We end with breakfast and worship on Sunday. Cost per person is \$200 which includes all meals and 3 nights lodging in Black Oak Lodge.

Reserve your spot now with a \$75 deposit\* by July 1.

Our registrar.....Dr. Debby Ford

[drford920@yahoo.com](mailto:drford920@yahoo.com) or 920-262-9413

Our program director ..... Rev. Mary Lou Plummer

[mlplummer01@gmail.com](mailto:mlplummer01@gmail.com) or 715-451-9992

Our musician.....Jason Pues

*\*Deposit is non-refundable*

## Church Anniversaries

June 12	Shepherd of the Prairie	79 years
June 17	Ebenezer	169 years
June 17	Hope	192 years
June 21	Grace	63 years

## *Clergy & Spouse Birthdays*

June 2	Mike Eder
June 3	Kim Knapp
June 4	Aaron Van Der Linden
June 6	Jenny Moran
June 7	Jonathan Lee
June 14	Dina Sobek
June 18	Jim Johnston
June 23	Beth Glasser

## *Ordination Anniversaries*

June 2	Al Bergmann (54 years)
June 3	Matt Knapp (38 years)
June 5	Mary Bielke (22 years)
June 6	Barb Berg (40years)
June 7	Reeder Herrick (19 years)
June 9	Hermann Weinlick (59 years)
June 10	Dave Sobek (32 years)
June 12	Gary Straughan (56 years)
June 15	Jason Andersen (19 years)
June 16	James Heroux (4 years)
June 18	Sam Propsom (27 years)
June 21	John McCarthy (19 years)
June 21	Eric Renner (13 years)
June 22	Janice Coffing (9 years)
June 24	Greg Behrend (5 years)
June 25	Val Lehman (33 years)
June 26	Barb Rich (28 years)
June 28	Paul Graf (58 years)
June 28	Kerry Krauss (24 years)

## *Prayer Joys & Concerns*

Congratulations to the Rev. James and Alli (Gardner) Heroux who were united in marriage on April 30 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin by the Rev. Matthew Knapp.

We remember in prayer Brenda Cahill, the controller for the Moravian Church, Northern Province and the treasurer for the Western District on the death of her father, Ron Gutek on May 21.

We also remember in prayer Rev. Beth Rohn-Habhegger who will be having outpatient surgery on June 13.

## *Northern Province Churches in the Call Process or Without Pastors*

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

Our Savior's Moravian in Altura, Minnesota  
Unionville Moravian in Unionville, Michigan  
Daggett Moravian Church in Daggett, Michigan  
West Salem Moravian in West Salem, Illinois  
Good Shepherd in Calgary, Alberta

Grace Moravian continues to be lay led.

## *Western District Justice Team*

The Western District Justice Team continues to meet to inspire and facilitate justice ministry in our District as we work toward the world as God desires it. We work to point people to resources, equip leaders, provide educational or action events that encourage congregations to develop justice work in their own contexts.

If you are seeking ways to respond to injustice as a church community please reach out to us! Send an email to [wdjusticeteam@gmail.com](mailto:wdjusticeteam@gmail.com) or call 920.544.8141 or reach out to team members Ivy Summers, Courtney Bauder, Staci Marrese-Wheeler, Terre Stech, Jennifer Roe, Jason Andersen, Mary Lou Plummer, Judy Ganz or Marian Boyle Rohloff.

## *Featured Resource*

Each day a different Moravian is writing short reflections on the Moravian Fellowship Facebook page. These reflections are on the day's Moravian Daily Text in the context of Racial Justice and Healing. These short reflections would be great to share as devotionals for ministry teams and gatherings, in worship or in other ways with your church community. Below is the reflection for May 31<sup>st</sup> written by Peg Chamberlin, who also coordinates this effort.

**May 31, 2022**

### **The Daily Text in the Context of God's Call for Racial Justice**

Psalm 106:4 Remember us, O Lord, when you show favor to your people;

help us when you deliver them,

Ephesians 4:7 But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.

I am so grateful for our Daily Text. Like many of you I've been reading it and praying it for years. Like the practice of Lectio Divina it gives us a chance to focus and listen to what the text is saying to us in our context, in our dilemmas, in our place in time.

But that's also one of the challenges of the Daily Text. We can lose the context for the text. Every text is best known and its historical and literary context.



And today's is a perfect example of that. The psalm is a wonderful psalm; one of my favorites. But this verse 4 - a plea that God will remember us and show favor to us - has to be tied to the verse right before it. "Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times. Justice (*mishpat*) and righteousness (*tzedek*) are very related words. They are often paired describing God's most fundamental will for us - that we would have righteousness - that is that we would have right relationships with one another personally and as a community. And justice, of course, is a community word when love is lived out in community, in the public, broad community including the arena of national decisions.

If we will not observe justice and do righteousness at all times we will not walk in God's happiness. And it is arrogant sin to ignore God's will, while asking God to remember us and show favor to us!

What does this say about a context of racial injustice? If we are not participating in dismantling the injustice of racism, if we are not participating in building up the right relationships on a local community and at national level, we have no right to ask God to show favor upon us. We will not be happy, truly happy, simply by praying that God would show favor on us. God invites us into an eternal happiness by doing God's will, that is loving, observing justice, and doing righteousness and all times.

*-Peg Chemberlin*



Jesus Still Lead On  
July 26-30, 2022  
Bethlehem, PA

### **Crossroads Info Session**

**Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.**

**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)

## *From the 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.

Join Moravian archivist and historian Paul Peucker for a three-part webinar on the founding of Herrnhut in 1722 and the origins of the Moravian Church. Three hundred years ago this year, three families from Moravia settled on the estate of Count Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf in Berthelsdorf, Saxony. Known as the community of Herrnhut, their settlement quickly grew to become the epicenter of a transatlantic religious movement, one that would attract thousands of Europeans, American Indians, and enslaved Africans: the Moravian Church. We will take an in-depth look at the beginnings of the Herrnhut community and study several relevant texts from this period.

Registration Fee: \$49.50 for the threepart series (including reading materials). For more information or to register:  
<https://www.moravianchurcharchives.org/event/webinar-seriesherrnhut-1722-a-fresh-look-at-theorigins-of-the-moravianchurch/2022-06-21>



**BOARD OF  
WORLD MISSION**  
of the Moravian Church • North America

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 [MoravianMission.org](http://MoravianMission.org) and click on "Resources" to see a sampling of what we have to offer!

## *Summer Church Camps*

Listed below are the camps being held this summer. Our camps are heavily subsidized thanks to gifts from past donors to the District Camping Fund. Contact your local congregation to inquire about possible camp scholarships.

### **Junior Camp**

Director: James Heroux, [jhero274@gmail.com](mailto:jhero274@gmail.com)  
**When:** July 31 - Aug 4  
**Where:** Mt. Morris Camp  
**Campers Invited:** Completed 2nd grade - 5th grade  
**Cost:** After subsidies, cost of Junior Camp is **\$200 with a \$35 registration fee.**

### **Camp MINDYY**

This camp will not be held this year.

### **Winmor**

Director: Jordan Forbes, [fibs567@gmail.com](mailto:fibs567@gmail.com)  
**When:** July 24th - 30<sup>th</sup>  
**Where:** Mt. Morris Camp  
**Campers Invited:** Completed 6th - 8th grade  
**Cost:** After subsidies, cost of Winmor Camp is **\$290 with a \$35 registration fee.**

### **Chetek**

Directors: Jason Andersen, [pastor\\_jason\\_andersen@hotmail.com](mailto:pastor_jason_andersen@hotmail.com) and Amy Andersen, [smilesfromamy@yahoo.com](mailto:smilesfromamy@yahoo.com)  
**When:** July 17 – 23

**Where:** Mt. Morris Camp  
**Campers Invited:** Completed 9th grade - age 21  
**Cost:** After subsidies, cost of Chetek Camp is **\$290 with a \$35 registration fee.**

Tar Hollow – July 17-23

Illiana – July 25-29

Bethany – August 1-5

