

WD News & Notes

The Newsletter of the
Moravian Church,
Western District
July 2022

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Bruce's Babblings

I greet you on this wonderful summer day when I am writing this page. I wrote this same sentiment last year but once again I will say, "I can't believe that I am already writing a July News and Notes article. Life seems to move quickly in some ways and seems to not move quickly enough in other ways. It's hard to believe but next month pre-season football will be back and some schools will be back in session.

I have traveled quite a bit since I last wrote a News and Notes article. I have been to New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Minnesota, and many other places. I am thankful that I am able to travel once again, but I continue to be cautious as I travel.

During the month of July, our church camps take place. It is also a time when families look forward to vacations and time away. In the midst of all of this, the life of the church continues. Even though we take vacations, God never takes vacation from us.

Enjoy your time with family. Enjoy church camps. Enjoy time at the beach or with extended family. But don't forget that in the midst of all of this God is still with you wherever you may be.

Serving Christ with you,
Rev. Bruce J. Nelson

On behalf of the Western District Executive Board



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

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

When: July 24th - 30th

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 and

Amy Andersen, 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

YOU BELONG



One Year of You Belong

July 1st marked the 1 year anniversary of You Belong being a ministry of the Moravian Church. It has been incredible to see what was once a dream become a reality. To see lives changed because we stepped out in faith into the world with the hopes of bringing a sense of belonging. At our most recent campfire devotional we had a member share just how much this new community has impacted their life for the better. It is these testimonies that speak to the importance of what we are doing that keeps our team motivated each day. We are incredibly grateful for everyone who has supported this ministry so far and would encourage you to keep your prayers, donations, kind words, and partnership coming!

You can learn more about our work and make a donation to help us start Year #2 off strong at YouBelongWI.org.



Clergy & Spouse Birthdays

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| July 1 | Janet Wetzel |
| July 9 | Paul Graf |
| July 12 | Valeria Johnston |
| July 12 | Amy Behrend |
| July 16 | Thomas Luhman |
| July 22 | Beth Rohn-Habegger |
| July 28 | Dawn Volpe |
| July 31 | Judy Ganz |

Ordination Anniversaries

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| July 3 | James Johnston (56 years) |
| July 13 | Harvey Prochnau (51 years) |
| July 16 | Beth Rohn-Habegger (21 years) |
| July 17 | Mike Eder (11 years) |
| July 21 | Dawn Volpe (37 years) |
| July 21 | Andy Kilps (15 years) |
| July 30 | Bob Smith (61 years) |

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.



**Moravian
Music
FESTIVAL**

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



Saturday, July 23rd, 10:00 a.m. at Moravian Theological Seminary, 60 W. Locust, Bethlehem, PA.

Come and learn about our program, meet others who are inquiring about their next steps, and take your next step in discovering more about your sense of call as a lay person.

Participants in Crossroads take active roles in their congregation and in community ministries, some become lay pastors or serve as pulpit supply, and a few go on to more formal theological education such as seminary courses.

Whatever your path, Crossroads is a great place to discern the next step. We have been described as the intersection of your call and God's mission.

At our Info Session, we talk about the program, what is required, the list of upcoming courses, and we try to answer all of your questions.

If coming in person is not possible, **just request our Zoom link** at petersj2@moravian.edu.

*Thank you,
Dr. Jill Peters
Missional Leadership Developer
Moravian Theological Seminary*



Each year, the Board of World Mission presents the Ted Wilde Mission Service Award and the Herrnhut Congregational or Organizational Affirmation to Moravians who have given of themselves for the benefit of others either down the street or around the world.

The Ted Wilde Mission Service Award honors the memory of former BWM Executive Director Ted Wilde by recognizing individuals who have been willing to take up the great commission by learning from our Chief Elder, Jesus Christ, and then engaging in humble service in his name.

The Herrnhut Affirmation and Celebration for Dedicated Mission and Service goes to a Moravian congregation or organization that is following the example of the Moravian community in Herrnhut by actively giving of themselves in terms of time, talent, and treasure to be the light of Christ to others.

We invite you to submit nominations for the 2023 Ted Wilde and Herrnhut Awards. You can find more information and submit nominations at MoravianMission.org/Awards.



Grant applications are due July 15

The deadline to apply for a grant from the Moravian Ministries Foundation's Field of Interest Funds is July 15. Contact Ainsley Davis at adavis.mmfa.info to schedule a consultation and receive an application. Grants will be awarded on August 13. The following funds will be making grants: Hunger & Thirst

- Clothing
- Prison Ministry
- Healing & Health
- Housing
- Environmental Stewardship
- Racial Awareness, Equity, & Reconciliation

How can your Moravian congregation, fellowship, emerging ministry, or agency could benefit from grant funding for ministry? Visit MMFA's **Grant Central Station** <https://mmfa.info/grant/>