

# District Developments

## Congregational Spotlight



### Community Outreach Ministry

#### Vanderbilt Avenue Moravian Church

We give thanks to God for His Blessings and the opportunity to provide the Community with a hot meal each month. Over the past year, we were able to provide about one thousand (1,000) hot meals to the community, in spite of the limitations that the lingering Covid effects has placed on us. The Central Elders of the United Brethren Church (UBC) increased the grant for the joint mission of the four (4) churches, which allowed us to cater the meals (dessert and drinks were not included) for the year.

In September we collaborated with Roza Productions and the Black Health Organization to sponsor an Afro Caribbean Culture Festival and Health Fair on the Church Grounds of Vanderbilt. This affair was well attended with over 100 persons in

attendance, and everyone was able to enjoy a hot meal.

We thank the faithful and dedicated members of Vanderbilt, most of whom have been doing this for over thirteen years. These persons are available every month to setup, package and distribute the meals. Also, the Thanksgiving and Christmas meals were prepared by our Vanderbilt team, for which we give God thanks.

All four churches were involved in the preparation of these meals. Sister Karen Reid from John Hus Moravian Church have prepared and cooked the turkeys for our special Thanksgiving meal for several years.

We were also able to collect and distribute gifts of mittens, scarfs, socks, and toys to all who are in need. We have been blessed by the Lord, our church, and the community for these local ministries. Standing on the shoulders of past leaders and organizers, we bless God for His faithfulness.

We are also thankful to God for the support of our sister churches -- New Dorp, Great Kills and Castleton Hill Moravian Churches, Sister Karen and Tory Reid from John Hus and from Vanderbilt, Brother Ian Moe and Sister Ivy Mills for their financial support.

Brother Fritz Pierre-Louis for setting up and transporting the heavy items, Pastor Wellesley Ferguson, Tory Reid, Dawne Benjamin, Ivy Mills, Louise Walters, Jennifer Harris-Berkeley, Yvonne DaCosta, Rosemarie Leichter, Elsie Warner, Desiree Telford, and Judi Jacobs-Sapp.

By God's Grace, we look forward to the continuation of this Outreach Ministry with the support of our sister churches, our members, friends, acquaintances, and well-wishers we are indeed truly grateful to God for His faithfulness towards this needed ministry within our community.

*Thanks to Naomi Solomon (NY regional rep. of the EDEB and member of the Vanderbilt Ave. congregation) for providing this article.*



**BOARD OF  
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### The Board of World Mission Announces Partnership with the Moravian Church in Northern Tanzania

In March, the Board of World Mission and the Moravian Church in Northern Tanzania (MCNT) signed a covenant signifying the beginning of a new partnership between the BWM and the MCNT Provincial Board. This covenant signing took place over Zoom and was a joyful occasion, with representatives of the MCNT Provincial Board, North American Provincial Elders' Conferences, and Board of World Mission present. Through this partnership, we will work together to support and affirm building a Christian witness in each of our contexts. We hope to do this through collaboration, consultation, prayer, and information sharing.

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Much of the preparation for this new covenant was completed during an in-person visit in November of 2022 to Arusha, Tanzania, located near Mt. Kilimanjaro. Justin Rabbach, Executive Director of the BWM, and the Rt. Rev. Chris Giesler, Director of Mission Engagement, met with the MCNT Provincial Board, under the leadership of its president, the Rev. Isaac G. Siame.

As of 2021, MCNT had 26 congregations, 8 outstations, 34 ordained ministers, and a total membership of 5,482. They hope to elect their first bishop at their provincial synod in November of 2023. The BWM looks forward to many years of partnership that will bring God's grace and peace to the world.



### Prayer Concerns

You are invited to offer prayers for Sr. Doris Schattschneider, surviving spouse of Br. David Schattschneider, former Dean of Moravian Theological Seminary. Doris had surgery on April 13 to repair a hernia. Please pray for Doris as she anticipates a complete

recovery and significantly reduced discomfort.

You are invited to offer prayers for Br. Doug Bauder, former Moravian pastor and father of Western District Executive Board member, Courtney Bauder. Doug suffered a stroke on Good Friday. He is recovering in a rehab unit near his home. Please keep Doug, his spouse Marty Siegel, and all their loved ones in your prayers. Pray for increased mobility, patience, and determination, along with the awareness of God's presence on this journey.

You are invited to offer continued prayers for Br. Glenn Heintzelman, retired pastor living in Allentown, PA. Glenn had been hospitalized with complications due to his severe neuropathy and is now recuperating at Phoebe Home in Allentown. In the midst of his many health challenges, he reported with joy that he and his wife Bonnie celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in January.

You are invited to offer continued prayers for Sr. Rhonda Robinson, on the pastoral staff at Iglesia Esperanza for Bethlehem, in Bethlehem, PA. Rhonda continues to recover from a serious infection. Please hold her in prayer, along with her husband Tracy, their family, and the congregation.

You are invited to offer prayers for the family of Aimee Pasquinelli, daughter of Steve and Jackie Pasquinelli, who entered the more immediate presence of our savior. Please continue prayers for Steve, who is President of the Larger Life Foundation, as he continues to

monitor progress with pancreatic cancer.

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

#### **Canadian District:**

Two congregations that are not in the call process but are currently without pastors: Edmonton Moravian and Heimtal Church, both in Edmonton, Alberta.

#### **Eastern District:**

Battle Hill, Union, New Jersey  
Central (Associate Pastor),  
Bethlehem, PA  
Tremont Terrace, Bronx, NY  
Trinity, New Carrollton, MD

#### **Western District:**

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.

### **May Birthdays & Anniversaries**

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2. The Rev. Tracy Robinson
- 3 Mrs. Bonnie Heintzelman
- 7 Mrs. May Jones
- 8 The Rev. Jennifer Bowden
- 13 Mrs. Janis Easton
- 17 The Rev. Janel Rice
- 18 The Rev. Mandy Mastros

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- 22 The Rev. David Henkelmann
- 28 The Rev. Trina Holmberg

#### May Anniversaries

- 6 The Rev. Gary Harke & Ms. Bonnee Lauridsen
- 11 The Rev. Sue & Mr. Michael Koenig
- 16 The Rev. & Mrs. Belfield Castello
- 17 The Rev. & Mrs. William Surber
- 20 The Rev. & Mrs. Brian Dixon.  
The Rev. Benjamin Lippert & Mrs. Emily Lippert
- 22 The Rev. & Mrs. Duane Ullrich
- 27 The Rev. & Mrs. George Richmond  
The Rev. Sanette Fleming & the Rev. Garritt Fleming
- 29 The Rev. & Mrs. Richard Bruckart

#### Churches celebrating May anniversaries

- 6 - 1860 - West Side, Bethlehem, PA
- 17 - 1863 - Palmyra, Cinnaminson, NJ
- 22 - 1966 - Redeemer, Philadelphia, PA
- 25 - 1986 - Faith of the Nation's Capital, Washington, DC

May 3, 1728 - Beginning of Losungen (Daily Texts) in Herrnhut, Germany.



#### **Time to talk about grants**

By Laura Watson

Is God calling your community of faith to serve in a new way? Does your ministry need extra funding to make a difference in the world? Your Moravian Ministries Foundation is excited to begin the 2023 grant cycle on May 15. These field of interest funds will be accepting applications:

- [Hunger & Thirst Field of Interest](#): Grants address food and/or water insecurity.
- [Housing & Shelter Field of Interest](#): For those providing safety, shelter, and housing to the vulnerable and unhoused.
- [Healing & Health Field of Interest](#): For those ministering to the ill or promoting health/wellness.
- [Prison Ministry Field of Interest](#): For ministry to the imprisoned and their families.
- [Clothing Field of Interest](#): For ministries that provide clothing to those in need.

- [Environmental Stewardship Field of Interest](#): For those looking to protect and restore God's creation.
- [Racial Awareness, Equity, & Reconciliation Field of Interest](#): For those who wish to promote racial awareness, racial equity, and racial reconciliation through advocacy, training, and ministry. Visit [our website](#) to learn more about each fund, to read about past grant recipients, and for details on how to apply.



#### IBOC May Highlights

##### **Kay Ward Complete Bundle:**

Purchase Bishop Kay Ward's *Park Benches*, her latest book of stories and reflections, and receive her other 3 books for free! Bundle includes *Park Benches*, *Of Seasons and Sparrows*, *Heading Home* and *Hoping for Spring*. \$12.95 for all 4 books. Bulk purchase discount for churches and women's groups: buy 5 or more sets for \$10 each. Contact [jill@mcnp.org](mailto:jill@mcnp.org) to place your church or group order.

To purchase, go to [store.moravian.org](http://store.moravian.org)

Come when you can, leave when you must.

**MAY 13, 2023**

**2-9PM**

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