

WD News & Notes

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

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It is unofficially summer. The Memorial Day weekend has come and gone. The days are getting longer. The temps are getting warmer. Many of us have recently or soon will be celebrating a graduation of loved ones.



This is the month when we gather for our Provincial Synod – officially from June 22-26, 2023 on the campus of Moravian University. It will be good to gather in person as we have not had an in person synod since 2018. I am looking forward to seeing many of you who

read this article. If we have not met yet, please do introduce yourself to me when/if we see each other at synod.

While we are all looking forward to Provincial Synod, we are already making plans for our next District Synod. This synod will take place from April 25 to 28, 2024, at Mt. Morris Camp and Retreat Center. We have named a Synod Planning Committee and have selected a theme for next year's District Synod. The theme for synod is: "Survive, Revive, Thrive."

Once Provincial Synod is over, we will kick into high gear to plan our next District Synod. Between now and then I hope you are able to enjoy whatever brings joy to you during these summer months.

Serving Christ with you,

Pastor Bruce J. Nelson

On behalf of the Western District Executive Board

*Join us @ the Plus 50 Retreat @
Mt. Morris for Everyone in the
Over 50 Crowd*

August 10 – 13, 2023

"Scrolling & Strolling"



Jesus was a rabbi on the move! Join us at beautiful Mt. Morris Camp and Retreat Center as we scroll through scripture to look at the strolls of Jesus. Take time to unwind, rest and consider your personal walk with Christ while renewing friendships or building new ones. You can expect great food, lots of singing, and plenty of free time to do as you would like. Come and see!

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 \$240 which includes all meals and 3 nights lodging in Black Oak Lodge. Reserve your spot now with a \$75 deposit* by **July 1**.

Registration forms are available at your church.

Our registrar Dr. Debby Ford
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Our program director Rev. Mary Lou Plummer
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***Deposit is non-refundable**

Camp Dates for 2023

Chetek: July 16-22 (Mt. Morris)

Tar Hollow: July 16-22

Winmor: July 23-29 (Mt. Morris)

Illiana: July 24 - 28

Junior: July 30-August 3

Camp Bethany (Michigan and Ohio 2nd grade through 6th grade): July 31 - August 4

CAMP	AGES	DATES
FAMILY CAMP	ALL AGES	JUNE 2ND-4TH
CHETEK	COMPLETED 9TH-AGE 21	JULY 16TH-22ND
WINMOR	COMPLETED 6TH-8TH	JULY 23RD-29TH
JR CAMP	COMPLETED 2ND-5TH	JULY 30TH-AUG 3RD

REGISTER AT: WDCAMPING.COM



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Camping Ministries Bring Opportunities for Connection

Many Moravians look back fondly on memories of time spent at summer camps – growing in relationship with God, learning from counselors, and building friendships that often last a lifetime. The Board of World Mission is blessed to be included in many of the camping ministries across North America and throughout the Unity. In May, we sponsored service camps at Mt. Morris and Camp

Hope to help prepare the facilities for their summer programming. In June, we have the opportunity to participate in mission camp at Laurel Ridge. In July, we

will have staff members present at multiple camps, including a summer camp in Cuba.

One of the greatest blessings made possible by our Moravian camps is the opportunity for our young people to connect with Moravians they had not met before. Last year, the Western District high school and post-high camp, Chetek, welcomed Southern Province campers to join them at Mt. Morris when Laurel Ridge's high school camp was canceled due to Covid. This year, we are looking forward to expanding that "exchange camper" program by inviting several campers from Moravian congregations in Costa Rica to join us at Chetek. Moravian camping ministries have always provided opportunities for campers to learn more about God, themselves, the Moravian Church, and each other. We are excited about the additional learning opportunities made possible by connecting our young people across geographic and cultural backgrounds in a time of fellowship and fun.

Northern Province Churches in the Call Process or Without Pastors

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; Schoeneck, Nazareth, PA; Tremont Terrace, Bronx, NY; Trinity, New Carrollton, MD

Western District: Glenwood Community Church in Madison, Wisconsin

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.

Church Anniversaries

June 12	Shepherd of the Prairie	80 years
June 17	Ebenezer	170 years
June 17	Hope	193 years
June 21	Grace	64 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 (55 years)
June 3	Matt Knapp (39 years)
June 5	Mary Bielke (23 years)
June 6	Barb Berg (41 years)
June 7	Reeder Herrick (20 years)
June 9	Hermann Weinlick (60 years)
June 10	Dave Sobek (33 years)
June 12	Gary Straughan (57 years)
June 15	Jason Andersen (20 years)
June 16	James Heroux (5 years)
June 18	Sam Propsom (28 years)
June 21	John McCarthy (20 years)
June 21	Eric Renner (14 years)
June 22	Janice Coffing (10 years)
June 24	Greg Behrend (6 years)
June 25	Val Lehman (34 years)
June 26	Barb Rich (29 years)
June 28	Paul Graf (59 years)
June 28	Kerry Krauss (25 years)

Call Updates

Jodi Heim was installed as lay pastor at Our Savior's in Altura, Minnesota and Berea in Saint Charles, Minnesota on June 4.

IBOC Highlights

The IBOC introduces its latest offering, a hot/cold spill-proof tumbler! This double-walled travel mug includes a silicone hand grip and a flip-top AS plastic lid featuring a patented snap-locking closure. Vacuum insulated and copper-lined, this mug will keep your cold drinks cold for 12 hours and your hot drinks hot for over 8 hours. • See website for further details. • store.moravian.org



Grant applications are due June 15

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 began the 2023 grant cycle on May 15. These field of interest funds are accepting applications until June 15:

- **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.

Please contact Ainsley Davis to schedule your consultation and get an application (adavis@mmfa.com or (336) 725-2589).