



PROVINCIAL TIES

November 2018



— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

“Preaching Reconsidered” – Seminar for Pastors **November 12-13, 2018** **The Rev. Dr. David Lose**

The world we live in is changing, perhaps more quickly than anytime in the last half millennium, but so many of our practices - including preaching – remain relatively the same. Join us for presentations and conversation about some of the significant cultural changes of late, what challenges they present contemporary preachers, and how our preaching might respond in ways that are both fitting and faithful.

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November 12, 7:00 pm – Worship Service; David Lose, preacher

New Philadelphia Moravian Church sanctuary
(service open to the public)

November 13, 9:00 am – 2:30 pm – Seminar for Pastors; David Lose, leader

New Philadelphia Moravian Church Fellowship Hall
(registration required by Nov. 7; lunch provided)

This seminar for pastors is sponsored by the Provincial Elders' Conference through the generosity of Bro. Herbert Spaugh, Jr. and the Bishop W. Herbert Spaugh Fund for Pastors' Continuing Education.

To register for the seminar: Email Beverly Johnson by Nov. 7th:

bjohnson@mensp.org

David Lose was called as Senior Pastor of Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN in 2017. From 2014 to 2017 he served as president of Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, PA. Before that, he held the Marbury E. Anderson Chair of Biblical Preaching at Luther Seminary, where he also served as the Director of the Center for Biblical Preaching. He is the author of *Preaching at the Crossroads: How the World – and Our Preaching – Is Changing* (2013), *Making Sense of the Cross* (2011), *Making Sense of the Christian Faith* (2010), *Making Sense of Scripture* (2009), and *Confessing Jesus Christ: Preaching in a Postmodern World* (2003). He is a founding contributor to the *Working Preacher* website. Pastor Lose speaks widely in the United States and abroad on preaching, Christian faith in a postmodern world, and biblical interpretation.

Submitted by Wayne Burkette

Salem Congregation News

St. Philips Moravian Graveyard, Section 2

The recent news stories about the investigation at St. Philips Moravian Graveyard, Section 2, may have caught your attention as we seek to identify the unmarked graves in the African American graveyard. While there are currently around 50 marked graves, based on an early map and other documents we were expecting 190 unmarked graves. We found a total of 331 unmarked graves! Salem Congregation plans to mark each grave with individual markers similar to the markers used at the first St. Philips Graveyard. Donations to help upgrade and mark graves may be made to Salem Congregation at 501 South Main Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101. For more information, call 336-722-6504.

Submitted by Bridget Smith

BCM News for November

Get Started on Christmas Shopping with #MoravianSwag

Did you know that "SWAG" means "stuff we all get?" Well, we all need some new Moravian stuff! Order now and orders will be ready for pick up soon! Or stop by the BCM office and check out the items in person. These items are perfect stocking stuffers and are great for people of all ages! If you have a relative that is hard to shop for, then #MoravianSwag is the perfect gift!

The best part? Your purchase directly benefits the work of the Board of Cooperative Ministries, particularly leadership and youth development as well as the creation of new Moravian resources.

Shop now at [Moravian.Online/SWAG](#)

Sign up for *Weekly Family Devotionals*

Earlier this year at the 2018 Southern Province Synod, it was decided that content from [Loving Hearts United](#) would be shared weekly with families through the Moravian BCM. The result: *Weekly Family Devotionals* delivered directly to your email inbox! We're excited to be bringing this resource to Moravian families in an easily accessible and bite-sized format.

The first devotional went out the end of August! But you can sign up at any time and start benefiting from our *Weekly Family Devotionals*. With the season of Advent approaching, there are a few special edition devotions. Don't miss out!

Sign up at [Moravian.Online/FamilyNurture](#)

Submitted by Hanna Jackson

2018 New Year's Eve Watchnight Lovefeast

The Salem Congregation Moravian Watchnight Service will be held on Sunday, December 31, 2018 at 11:00 PM at Calvary Moravian Church, 600 Holly Ave NW, Winston-Salem, NC. The Rev. John D. Rights, Pastor at Konnoak Hills Moravian Church, will bring the message. Greet the new year with hymn singing, sacred music and the sharing of a simple meal. Call (336) 722-6504 for more information.

For Your November Calendar

- 1.....MMA Meeting
- 3.....Comenius Learning Series, 9-3
- 4.....Mission Lovefeast
- 8.....PEC Meeting
- 12.....Evening Worship service, public invited, 7pm
- 13.....Provincial Continuing Ed, 9am – 3 pm
- 20.....Mission Society Meeting
- 22-23.....Thanksgiving Holiday
- 27-28.....Joint PEC Meeting, Bethlehem, PA

Concerns and Celebrations

Death:

The Rev. Mohamed Braima entered the more immediate presence of his Lord and Savior on Sunday night, November 4. Mohamed and his wife, Safie, returned to their native land, Sierra Leone, in 2007 to begin work serving the community of Ngehun. Mohamed was ordained as a Deacon in the Moravian Church, Southern Province, in 2012. The Braima's ministry in Sierra Leone has involved church planting, the establishment of a high school, a library, a mission house, and other forms of mission service in the surrounding communities. Plans for a memorial service for Brother Braima will be announced when they are finalized. Please remember Safie in prayer.

Ordination Anniversaries for November 2018

Jeffrey Coppage.....25 years
Lisa Mullen.....29 years
Russell Williams.....7 years
Stuart Zimmerman.....39 years
Rusty Rushing.....1 year

Congratulations and God Bless You!

PEC News for November, 2018

PEC News November Provincial Ties

The Provincial Elders' Conference met October 11 and 25 with all members participating. Oct. 11, Nola Knouse joined the meeting via conference call from Bethlehem, PA; Peggy Carter and Judy Knopf did so from home, due to hurricane Michael.

SYNOD / STRATEGIC DIRECTION

PEC continued to respond to a petition presented by the "Concerned Moravians" group in opposition to Synod Resolutions 13 and 14, and decided to organize a team to develop resources and materials to support pastors and congregations, as stated in Resolution 14. PEC continued the review of 2018 Synod Resolutions and the status of their fulfillment.

CHURCHES AND LEADERS

PEC made final arrangements for quadrennial reviews for the Friedland, Oak Grove and Peace congregations; took necessary steps in call processes for: Covenant/Water of Life ELCA, Fairview, Fries Memorial, Hope, New Beginnings, and New Philadelphia; discussed the appointment of intentional interim pastors at Fairview and New Philadelphia, received an update from the selection process for a Moravian chaplain to serve with Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministry; received and approved a

request to retire from active ministry (to be announced at a later date); determined PEC participation in a retirement lunch for Worth Green on Oct. 28; arranged for meetings with one church board regarding pastor-board relationships; provided advice to one congregation about adjusting the size of the church board(s); and noted the need to assign bishops to work with three of the current candidates for ordination.

BOARDS, COMMITTEES, and COMMISSIONS

PEC noted several recent or upcoming board, committee and commission meetings from which we will plan to receive reports: Board of World Mission, Moravian Ministry Foundation, Moravian College and Seminary Trustees, Interprovincial Board of Communication.

UNITY and ECUMENICAL

PEC affirmed bishop Graham Rights' decision to accept an invitation from the British Province to participate in the consecration of Sarah Groves as a Bishop of the Unity, November 16; talked about possible agenda items for the joint meetings of the PECs to be held in late November, in PA; and confirmed Jeff Coppage's participation as the Moravian liaison to the ELCA Church Council, which meets twice a year and will meet in November.

OTHER MATTERS

PEC discussed its staffing needs in light of current activity and assignments from Synod, and agreed to move forward with the call or appointment of a full-time Assistant to the President (this position was full-time until 2010). PEC approved the 2019 Provincial Budget, and discussed implementation of changes to the Provincial health insurance plan that are underway and some financial considerations for this transition. PEC continued review of a social media policy for pastors, church and Provincial staff; noted plans for an Oct. 27 church safety workshop co-sponsored with Home Church, and the work of Paula Midkiff, HR manager, on guidelines in this area; and discussed upgrades to the Provincial website.

The PEC will meet November 8, and then travel to PA for a joint meeting of the PECs (North and South) November 27-28.

Submitted by David Guthrie, PEC President



The new Southern Province website is up and running. Please visit the website (www.mcsp.org) for updated information about news and events around the province.

Moravian Archives

- 1) On November 15 from 5:30-7:30pm at St. Philips' 1861 building on Church Street, the Archives is co-promoting a film screening of the documentary "A Class Divided," with a panel discussion thereafter about how to recognize and confront racism within ourselves. The film documents how, as an experiment in the wake of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., teacher Jane Elliott divided her students into two groups according to their eye color (brown eyes/blue eyes), and the resulting discrimination lesson they learned. This event is sponsored by Old Salem's Hidden Town Project in collaboration with St. Philips Moravian Church, Home Moravian Church, Moravian Team for Racial Reconciliation, and Moravian Archives - with thanks to the Salem Academy and College Gramley Library for providing the film. It's free and open to the public. Parking is available at the Old Salem Visitor Center, 900 Old Salem Road. From there, it is a 5-minute walk to St. Philips Church or shuttles to the church from the Visitor Center will be available beginning at 5:00 p.m.
- 2) Also on November 8 at 12:15pm in Spaugh Hall, Assistant Archivist Nicole Crabbe will give a thirty-minute talk on the Moravian ship "Irene," a talk originally set for September.
- 3) In September the Moravian Archives gratefully received an initial \$1000 contribution from Wachovia Historical Society President I. B. Southerland towards what will be a \$5000 gift. In late 2017 WHS pledged \$1000 in annual support for five years to the Moravian Archives Book Fund. Monies will subsidize publication costs of the *Records of the Moravians Among the Cherokees* book series. Volume 9 in that series is nearing printing this fall. A tenth volume, through September 1838, is anticipated in the first half of next year.
- 4) In October the Archives received a \$1500 grant from the Garden Club Council of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County that pairs with a \$500 grant received from the Old Salem Garden Club in July to fund the creation of a series of three traveling exhibits over the next year. All are "Treasures from the Archives" which will highlight the variety of resources for studying the area's horticultural history. Next month we will share more on the opening of the first exhibit, "The Languages of Flowers in Moravian Wachovia."

Submitted by Eric Elliott

Moravian Music Events

Nov 11 **Winston-Salem Community Band Fall Concert**, Salemtowne in the Saal, 3:00pm. Free. www.weplay.ws

Nov 18 ***Singstunde at Bethabara Church***; celebrating the Chief Eldership of Jesus Christ and the 265th Anniversary of the Southern Province (and of Bethabara Moravian Church) in music! 4:00 p.m., Bethabara Moravian, 2100 Bethabara Rd, Winston-Salem, NC. A *Singstunde* is a sacred service of song and is free and open to all. Joshua Whitt, Choir Director, jwhitt@greensboro.edu

Dec. 9 Music@Home Series; Holiday Concert with the UNCSA Cantata Singers and guest instrumentalists, James Allbritten, Conductor. 3:00 p.m., Home Moravian Church sanctuary, 529 S. Church St., Winston-Salem, NC, 336-722-6171. www.homemoravian.org

Dec 9 Winston-Salem Community Band Christmas Concert, Fries Mem. Moravian Church, 251 N. Hawthorne Rd., 5:30pm. Free. www.weplay.ws

Dec 13 Lunchtime Lecture – *And Still More Fun Finds in the Vault; Nicole Crabbe and Friends*, speakers. Lunchtime Lectures are held at 12:15 p.m. in the Spagh Lecture/Recital Hall of the Archie K. Davis Center. [DIRECTIONS](#) Free and open to the public. You are welcome to bring your lunch! [Complete Lecture Schedule](#)

The Moramus Chorale recently joined the Calvary Chancel Choir for a Service of Music, Oct. 21 at Calvary Moravian Church, featuring BUILT ON A ROCK by Károly Köpe. The concert also continued the celebration of **Calvary Moravian Church's 125th anniversary and the restoration of the sanctuary**, following a ceiling collapse, less than a year ago.

AWARDS

Barbara Strauss - *You have made exceptional contributions to Moravian musical history and culture over more than four decades. Most recently you have served as Project Manager for GemeinKat, the Music Foundation's multi-year project to convert our catalog to online records. Your extensive research on the Collegium Musicum Nazareth, has been an invaluable source for researchers for more than 40 years, continuing to the present day. You served as Moderator for the Music Section of the Interprovincial Hymnal Committee from 1987 to 1995, working with the committee, the Hymn Society, and the wider church; You were Chair of the 14th Moravian Music Festival and Seminar in Waukesha, Wisconsin. You served as a trustee of the Moravian Music Foundation from 1995 to 2000 and 2001 to 2009, steering the Foundation into the 21st century in technology as well as research. You sing, play trombone, piano, organ and handbells. For your passionate dedication to Moravian music past and present, your countless hours of humble service, and the joy you bring to the preservation, sharing, and celebration of Moravian musical culture, the Board of Trustees takes great pleasure, with heartfelt thanks, in presenting to you the **MORAMUS AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO MORAVIAN MUSIC***

James V. Salzwedel Award for Excellence in Church Music

Gwyneth Michel - *As Assistant Director of the Moravian Music Foundation since 2007, your contributions to church music have been legion and continually go far beyond the prescribed; serving as a musician and resource person for Moravian Church; as a skilled and experienced music editor; as Music Director of College Hill Moravian Church; and as Director of the Unitas Chorale, you provide excellent choral instruction for the more than 50 singers who then share their enhanced skills with their own congregations.*

Award of Merit - Scott Carpenter *is Director of Music Programming, Organist and Curator of Keyboard Instruments for Old Salem Museums & Gardens and is a busy and accomplished organist He schedules and performs recitals and presents*

Tannenberg organ lectures at Old Salem throughout the year and is featured on Old Salem's recording of What Good News The Angels Bring! An Old Salem Christmas which also features the Moramus Chorale and W-S Youth Chorus. His work includes the Old Salem Singing Sisters and the newly restored Salem Boys School music room. Scott consistently goes above and beyond to showcase and promote Moravian Music to visitors and attendees.

weblogs... or BLOGS!

New articles about Moravian music and the Foundation!

Notes from Nola (Knouse)

<http://moravianmusic.org/category/nolanotes>

GemeinKat: Keeping Track of Details

<http://catalogmoravianmusic.wordpress.com>

by Barbara Strauss and Dave Blum

Submitted by Erik J Salzwedel

Candle Tea

The Home Moravian Church Women's Fellowship invites you to experience the sights, smells, and sounds of Christmas at this year's Candle Tea. Held in the Single Brother's House in Old Salem, the Tea includes singing carols, enjoying lovefeast coffee and Moravian sugarcake, watching as beeswax candles are made by hand, and viewing the putz, a replica in miniature of the town of Salem more than a century ago, and a Nativity scene as the Christmas story is read from Scripture.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$1 for children 12 and under. All proceeds, after expenses, are distributed to non-profit local and international agencies.

Candle Tea is open: Thursday, Nov. 29, Friday, Nov. 30, Thursday, Dec. 6, and Friday, Dec. 7 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. It is also open on Saturday, Dec. 1 and Saturday, Dec. 8 from 11:30 am until 8:30 pm.

For more information please visit www.homemoravian.org and click on the "Candle Tea" link, or phone the Home Church office at 722-6171.

We look forward to sharing the joy of Christmas with you and your family!

Submitted by Laura Watson

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