



PROVINCIAL TIES

December 2018



— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

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.



Sunnyside Ministry

Washington Park Neighborhood will host the annual food drive called Shine a Light on Hunger on Sunday, December 9 from 4:30-7:30 pm. Through the support of sponsors, there will be horse-drawn carriage rides in the neighborhood. Folks are encouraged to come out with friends to celebrate the evening. Everyone wishing to ride the carriage should bring bags of shelf-stable goods for Sunnyside Ministry to help our neighbors in need.

Sunnyside Ministry in Cooperation with the Moravian Music Foundation, Moravian Archives and Board of Cooperative Ministries is operating a Dewey's Holiday Store. The store has Books and Music from the Moravian Music Foundation and Moravian Archive, and #MoravianSWAG from the BCM. There are also your Dewey's favorites – Moravian Ginger & Sugar Cookies, Sugarcake and Lovefeast Buns. A portion of proceeds from sales supports the mission of Sunnyside Ministry.

Submitted by David Holston

New Retreat Offering at Laurel Ridge

Winter Journey

February 8-10



Winter Journey at Higgins Lodge is a new event on the 2019 Laurel Ridge calendar. This weekend retreat offers opportunities for spiritual formation and personal growth in what is often regarded as a dormant season of the year. Participants will share fellowship, meals, and worship as a large group while breaking into three smaller program tracks. The retreat schedule is balanced between programmed and un-programmed time.

A **biblical studies** track will be led by **Chris Giesler**, Director of Mission Engagement at the Board of World Mission. **Jeff and Ann Dixon Coppage** will lead a **couples enrichment** track. And Tai Chi instructor, **David Harold**, is leading a **wellness** track.

Please contact Laurel Ride for additional information: 1(888) 831-5922

From The Provincial Financial Office

2019 Budgets – Please remember that 2019 Budget forms are due in to the Provincial Financial Office by December 15, 2018.

Housing Allowance – Ministers can treat their housing allowance as nontaxable income for federal income tax purposes to the extent that it is used to pay for housing related expenses and does not exceed the fair rental value of their home. However, the housing allowance must be specifically designated by official church (board) action in advance for this favorable tax treatment to apply. Please be sure that your Church

Board approves this designation for 2019 before the end of 2018 and documents this approval in the Board minutes.

Year End Contributions – As we all scramble to make yearend contributions to the Church or other charities, please remember that in order for a contribution to be deducted in 2018, it must be “delivered” in 2018. This means that year end checks must be dated in 2018 and either physically delivered to the Church by year end or mailed and postmarked by December 31, 2018. Checks that are dated in 2018 but not mailed or delivered to the Church until 2019 should be treated as 2019 contributions. They should **not** be reflected on 2018 giving statements or deducted in 2018.

Important Payroll Deadlines – Please have all 2019 wage increases or payroll adjustments to Donna Hampton by December 31, 2018.

Lastly, all employees who work 20 hours or more per week are eligible to participate in our 403(b) plan. This is an easy way to save for retirement on a tax-deferred basis, and I strongly recommend participation in this plan. You can sign up to participate in the 403(b) plan any time during the year and can stop or change your contributions whenever you desire. However, most new participants sign up now so that their contributions will start with the first payroll of the year. Please give Paula Midkiff a call at (336) 793-0136 if you have any questions.

Submitted by Robyn Glance, Chief Financial Officer

BCM News for November

APCE Connect Award: Congratulations Jami Vandock

Congratulations to Jami Vandock on winning the APCE (Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators) Connect Award!

Jami is the Director of Christian Education for Children and Youth at Raleigh Moravian Church. In addition to curriculum planning and children’s programming, Jami works in partnership with the in residence preschool for weekly chapel programs. She also collaborates with the pastoral assistant to facilitate intergenerational events. Infused in much of her work with children is the strong connection between musical expression and spiritual practice, thus she regularly works in partnership with the church music directors. Provincially, Jami assists with family camp at the Laurel Ridge and is active with an ecumenical educators group in Winston Salem. Jami also serves on the BCM task force for Children and Families of the Moravian Church. Connecting and sharing resources with other church educators is the cornerstone of her work.

Christmas is approaching, get started on your shopping with #MoravianSwag!

So many people have discovered our #MoravianSwag! Have you? There are multiple ways to order, pick which is easiest for you! Either place your order online at MoravianSwag.org, stop by the BCM office, or head over to Sunnyside Ministry’s Dewey’s Store (611 Peters Creek Parkway, Winston Salem). These items are perfect stocking stuffers and are great for people of all ages! Additionally, for those that are

extremely hard to shop for, you can purchase an E-Gift card on the website. That way the person can pick out just what they want!

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 here, there are a few special edition devotions. Don't miss out!

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

Save the date: Leadership Focus 2019

Saturday, February 23, 2019 | Calvary Moravian Church | Won't You Be My Neighbor? Building Christian Community in the 21st Century
More details to come!

Submitted by Hanna Jackson

For Your December Calendar

- 6.....MMA Meeting
- 6.....PEC Meeting
- 7-9.....Moravian Mountain Christmas, LR
- 20.....PEC Meeting
- 24 -25.....Christmas Holiday, PEC Office Closed
- 23-30.....Winter Camp, LR



Concerns and Celebrations

Death:

The Rev. Richard Shamel passed into the more immediate presence of the Savior, Sunday, November 18. Together with his wife, June, he served congregations in Coopersburg, PA; Staten Island, NY; Antigua, West Indies; and the Moravia, New Eden, Providence and Macedonia congregations in the Southern Province. The memorial service and burial were held Saturday, November 24, at 10:00 a.m., at Macedonia Moravian Church with the Rev. Zachary Dease and Rt. Rev. Graham Rights officiating. Richard is survived by three sons: Paul, Steven, and Carl and their families. Please remember the family in prayer.

Ordination Anniversaries for December 2018

Gerald Harris.....41 years
Chris Thore.....20 years
John Wilson.....58 years
Jeff Jones.....6 years

Congratulations and God Bless You!

PEC News for December, 2018

The Provincial Elders' Conference met November 8, with all members present except Jeff Coppage and Keith Kapp, due to their travels. The PEC traveled to Bethlehem, PA for a joint meeting with the Northern Province PEC. All members were present Nov. 27. Due to travels, Keith Kapp was not present for the Nov. 28 portion of this meeting.

SYNOD / STRATEGIC DIRECTION

The PEC reviewed and discussed a draft response to a petition presented by the "Concerned Moravians" group (which has organized to oppose Synod Resolutions 13 and 14); and received an update on the formation of a team to develop resources and materials for pastors and congregations. PEC reviewed a document that included parallel resolutions or decisions from the 2018 Synods of the Southern and Northern Province. Topics included: collaboration on new and emerging ministries; an interprovincial commission on music and worship; full communion with the United Methodist Church; immigration; gun safety/responsible weapon ownership; racial reconciliation/elimination of racism; a Moravian day of service; awareness of violence against women; Christian witness in a multi-religious world; living the essentials; and, interprovincial collaboration.

CHURCHES AND LEADERS

PEC approved changes in Rules and Regulations for the Mayodan, Fries Memorial and Trinity congregations; arranged for PEC participation in the consecration of Andrew Heil and Virginia Tobiassen as Presbyters; assigned a bishop to work with one of our candidates for ordination; adjusted the schedule for the quadrennial review at Peace church; responded to a request from the church boards at New Philadelphia regarding securing a transitional (intentional interim) pastor; conducted a meeting with the Fairview church boards and a prospective transitional pastor; facilitated a ministry conversation between a pastor and the church board of New Beginnings; conducted an orientation meeting for Kenny King to serve as a Provincial Acolyte at Willow Hill; processed three continuing education grants for pastors from the Herbert Spough Ministerial Education Fund; responded to intra-boards conflict in one congregation, and the pastor-board relationship in another; and continued call process activity for Covenant/Water of Life (ELCA), and the Moravian chaplain position with Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministry.

BOARDS, COMMITTEES, and COMMISSIONS

PEC received a report from the November meeting of the Interprovincial Board of Communication and discussed needed appointments to that Board; and, arranged for PEC participation in the “A Class Divided” program, Nov. 15, sponsored in part by the Moravian Team for Racial Cultural and Ethnic Reconciliation.

UNITY and ECUMENICAL

Jeff Coppage represented both the Northern and Southern Provinces at the national Church Council meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, in Chicago. The PECs North and South met jointly in Bethlehem, PA, Nov. 27-28. This annual time together included: sharing from the two Provinces, discussing common themes and decisions of the 2018 Synods (see topics, above), reports from and conversations with interprovincial boards and agencies, the annual meeting of the PECs as members of the Moravian Ministries Foundation in America, and an extended conversation about Resolution 22, “Interprovincial Collaboration,” which was passed by both 2018 Synods. Hans Becklin, a member of the ELCA Church Council participated in these meetings as a full communion partner.

OTHER MATTERS

Nov. 8, PEC reviewed and approved a job description for a full-time Assistant to the PEC President; approved Provincial guidelines for social media; and discussed a possible one-day retreat for the PEC in early 2019.

The PEC meets Dec. 6 and 20.

Submitted by David Guthrie, PEC President

Moravian Archives

On Thursday, December 13, at 12:15pm in the Spough Lecture/Recital Hall at the Archie K. Davis Center, Assistant Archivist Nicole Crabbe and friends will present this month’s thirty-minute Lunchtime Lecture – “And Still More Fun Finds in the Vault,” a holiday-season look at little-known treats among our collections here.

Throughout this month, Archives publications can be purchased along with Moravian Music Foundation CDs at the seasonal Dewey’s Bakery Holiday Shop set up at West

Salem Shopping Center, which is at the corner of Peters Creek Parkway and Academy Street in Winston-Salem. Thirty percent of proceeds of sales go to help Sunnyside Ministry of the Moravian Church. We also will have a link posted on our website's bookstore out to the "SWAG" shop of the Board of Cooperative Ministries for their special Moravian-themed gifts as well as to the Music Foundation to help your holiday shopping.

A third of our Archives support now comes from individual donors, a third from the Southern Province and a third from Salem Congregation. We are grateful for all who help us preserve and share our special blessings with the church and greater community. This year Sallie Greenfield and the Greenfield Ministries Fund has pledged up to a \$5,000 match for all new donors and every dollar above current donors' 2017 calendar-year giving. We thank her for her inspiring gift, and welcome those friends who join her in that match challenge.

Submitted by Eric Elliott

Moravian Music Events

Moravian Music and Related Concerts & Events

Dec. 9 ~ Music@Home Series;

Holiday Concert with the UNC School of the Arts 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 11 ~ Christmas Concert; Advent Hopewell Moravian Concert Band. One hour. 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 11-Salemtowne. Great music, audience interaction, lighthearted and fun. Concerts are free and open to the public, but note that the Salemtowne Saal and Arbor Acres Berrier Bldg are the largest venues and able to accommodate more visitors

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](#)

Dec 18 ~ Salem Band Holiday Concert – *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*
Tuesday, December 18, 7:30 pm. New Philadelphia Moravian Church, 4440 Country Club Rd., Winston-Salem, NC. Free. Guest narrator/vocal soloist James Allbritten (General/Artistic Director, Piedmont Opera) as we reminisce and dream about Christmas Eves past and future. Hear Jamie sing "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" and narrate Clement Clark Moore's "'Twas the Night Before Christmas." The program also includes "A Charlie Brown Christmas," "Shepherd's Pipe Carol," and "Christmas Eve Sarajevo," as well as annual favorite, "Sleigh Ride." The band will make a musical visit to 1914 with "Season of Peace," commemorating that

famous Christmas Eve Truce during WW I. Eileen M. Young, Music Director.

www.salemband.org

Dec 20 ~ Salem Band Holiday Concert- *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*
www.salemband.org Free. Thursday, Dec. 20, 7:30 pm. Trinity Moravian Church, 220
E. Sprague St., Winston-Salem, NC

LOOKING AHEAD: Registration is now open!

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the [WEBSITE](#)

MUSIC LEADERS for 2019

Brother Jim White – Choral Leader

Jim got involved in music ministry and youth programs in the Presbyterian Church. He holds a BM degree in Church Music from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey, and a MM degree in Choral Conducting from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. Jim has served in UCC, Presbyterian, Lutheran, and Methodist churches and is now Choir Director at Raleigh Moravian Church. His work in ministry has taken him to Pennsylvania, California, Ohio, Alabama, and North Carolina.

Brother Robah Ogburn – Band Leader

Director of the Bethabara Concert Band ([LINK](#)) and instructor of beginning and intermediate bands for the Southern Province, held at Home Church.

The Rev. Dennis Rohn – Devotions Leader

Submitted by Erik J Salzwedel

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