



# PROVINCIAL TIES *January 2019*



— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

## Moravian Music Events

### January 2019 Calendar of Events

**Jan 10 - Lunchtime Lecture – *New Tools at the Archives for African-American Genealogy Research*; Eric Elliott, speaker.** Lunchtime Lectures are held at 12:15 p.m. in the Spough 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](#)

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**Jan 20 - Music@Home Series; *Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration with Louise Toppin, soprano, with John O'Brien, pianist.*** 3:00 p.m., Home Moravian Church Saal, 529 S. Church St., Winston-Salem, NC, 336-722-6171. [www.homemoravian.org](http://www.homemoravian.org)  
Free; donations appreciated.  
**Registration Now Open!**

### *Moravian Music on the Mountain, February 22-24, 2019*

**Music on the Mountain, a Moravian Music Weekend at Laurel Ridge Camp, Conference and Retreat Center.** An opportunity to make music together, to worship, to learn, and to enjoy Moravian fellowship. There will be two tracks for participation, vocal and band (listeners welcome, too). Call Laurel Ridge to register (336) 359-2951 or (888) 831-5922 [info@laurelridge.org](mailto:info@laurelridge.org) Registration includes lodging and meals and music. Instrumentalists, please bring a wire music stand. Brother Jim White, Choir Director of Raleigh Moravian Church – Choral Leader; Brother Robah Ogburn, Director of the Bethabara Band – Band Leader; Brother Dennis Rohn - Devotions. [LINK](#)

*Submitted by Erik J Salzwedel*

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## *BCM News for January*

### **Annual VBS Open House**

Saturday, January 26, 2019, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM | Board of Cooperative Ministries | This is your chance to see many Vacation Bible School options set up for you to preview! This year, we will feature many sets including Cokes bury: Mars and Beyond, Abandon Press: Whoso! Take Flight Where God Leads You, and Group Roar: Life is Wild: God is Good.

As in the past, there are lots of kits from previous years that we are willing to give to churches who might be interested in a free resource. Also, there will be a segment on how to do an intergenerational VBS program.

For more information or questions contact Beth Hayes at [bhayes@mcsp.org](mailto:bhayes@mcsp.org).

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### **Leadership Focus 2019**



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



Our keynote speaker is Terrance Hawkins, a Winston-Salem native! Hawkins is the founder and director of Lit City (a youth development initiative), co-founder of a collective of local activists called the Drum Majors Alliance, and currently serves as the Co-Executive Director for the School of Love.

Leadership Focus 2019—additional tentative workshops focus on the areas of: Connecting Home, Church, and Community | Exploring the

Neighborhood | Being Neighbor Online | Mission with Our Neighbors | Congregational Outreach in the 21st Century

Registration online today: [Moravian.Online/LeadershipFocus19](http://Moravian.Online/LeadershipFocus19)

More information and print registration: [Moravian.Online/BCMEvents](http://Moravian.Online/BCMEvents)

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**Mark Your Calendar: Aging Well Conference**

Saturday, March 30, 2019 | Trinity Moravian Church

The Aging Well Team helps congregations recognize the need for and then find meaningful ways of providing programming and resources for their members who are older adults, as they age and deal with a variety of challenges. At the Aging Well Conference, attendees will be able to choose from a series of workshops designed to help older adults navigate today's changing world.

*Submitted by Hanna Jackson*

***For Your January Calendar***

- 1 New Year Holiday, PEC Office Closed
- 10 Luncheon Lectures, Archie K. Davis Center
- 10 PEC Meeting
- 21 MLK Holiday, PEC Office Closed
- 24 PEC Meeting
- 26 VBS Open House, 10:00 -12:00, BCM
- 31 Bishops Meeting, Cedarhyrst

**Concerns and Celebrations**

**Pastoral Changes:**

**The Rev. Jeff Coppage** concluded his transitional pastorate at Fries Memorial December 31, 2018 and began as transitional pastor at Fairview January 1. Please pray for Jeff and his wife, Anne, as well as the two congregations, their staff and leadership.

**The Rev. Jeff Carter** has accepted a call to specialized ministry as a chaplain with Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministry, filling the position held by Robert Wolfe until his retirement earlier this year. Jeff will conclude ministry at Little Church on the Lane December 31, 2018 and will begin work with FJPM January 13. Please remember in prayer Jeff and his wife, Tracy, and the board and members of Little Church on the Lane.

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**Death:**

**The Rev. Roger W. Kimball**, age 84, passed into the more immediate presence of the Savior December 29, 2018 after a period of declining health. Roger served under call to the Board of World Mission in the Guyana and the Eastern West Indies Provinces, as pastor of the Mizpah and Advent congregations, and in numerous interim pastorates in the Southern Province. A Memorial and Burial Service was held Friday, January 4, at 3:30 p.m., at Friedland Moravian Church. Please continue in prayer for Roger's wife, Mitzi, and the family.

***Ordination Anniversaries for January 2019***

Ray Burke.....	42
James Doss.....	44
Truman Dunn.....	45
Ray Johnson.....	52
Ofreciano Julias.....	34
Roy Ledbetter.....	45
Russell May.....	13
Virginia Tobiassen.....	6

***Congratulations and God Bless You!***

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***For Your Address Book***

***Please note the following changes:***

**The Rev. Jeff Coppage**  
4176 Lytchfield Court  
Winston-Salem, NC 27104

**The Rev. Jeff Carter**  
813 Devon Court  
Winston-Salem, NC 27104  
New email address:  
[ChaplainJeff95@gmail.com](mailto:ChaplainJeff95@gmail.com)

**The Rev. Ray Burke**  
6213 Hampton Chase Drive  
Clemmons, NC 27012  
336.842.5756 (home)

## *PEC News for January*

The Provincial Elders' Conference met December 6 and 20. On Dec. 6, Nola Knouse joined the meeting via conference call, as did Tommy Cole and Keith Kapp on Dec. 20. These meetings included a time of sharing news and needs from across the Province and intercessory prayer for pastors, church educators, congregations and the Province.

### **SYNOD / STRATEGIC DIRECTION**

The PEC completed a written response to a petition presented by the "Concerned Moravians" group (which has organized to oppose Synod Resolutions 13 and 14), and scheduled a meeting with leaders of that group. PEC continued invitations to individuals to be part of the Resolution 14 Resource Team which will develop materials and resources for which that Resolution called; and, noted the continued work of the Provincial Organization Core Team (Resolution 17 and 18), as it invites individuals to express interest in being part of the Team.

### **CHURCHES AND LEADERS**

PEC approved a retirement request from one pastor (to be announced later); agreed to provide limited financial assistance, as needed, for the funeral of Mohamed Braima in Sierra Leone; took steps in regard to call processes at: Covenant/Water of Life (ELCA), New Beginnings, and Rural Hall (scheduling a Congregation Profile meeting); and for interim pastoral leadership at: Fairview (call issued to Jeff Coppage), First (GA), Fries Memorial, Hope, and New Philadelphia; and continued consultation with one congregation about board-pastor relationships. PEC approved a request from the Northern Province Western District to release the name of one pastor for consideration for call in the District; and reviewed data about "clergy by date of installation" and the current pastoral leadership of congregations (called, appointed, Provincial Acolyte, interim, open). PEC approved partnering with the Salem Presbytery, PCUSA to provide required healthy boundary training for pastors beginning in 2019.

### **BOARDS, COMMITTEES, and COMMISSIONS**

PEC received and discussed a report from the New and Emerging Ministries Team meeting with leaders of Anthony's Plot, Come and Worship, and Estamos Unidos in support of those ministries; and made appointments from among the Bishops to various groups: Moravian Episcopal Coordinating Committee (Lane Sapp), Interprovincial Faith and Order Commission (Sam Gray); Candidacy Committee (Graham Rights). PEC discussed the proposed organization of the BCM which was adopted at the Nov. 15 BCM meeting; and received an update from the Laurel Ridge Board about the resolution of payments to a vendor who performed repair work at Higgins Lodge, about progress toward the Synod-approved capital campaign, and about questions related to possible receipt of a grant from the NC Dept. of Natural and Cultural Resources.

### **UNITY and ECUMENICAL**

PEC received and reviewed minutes from the joint meeting of the PECs (Northern and Southern), and the annual meeting of the members of the Moravian Ministries Foundation in America. PEC decided to ask the Northern Province PEC if they would

like to have the 2019 joint meeting be a spiritual retreat, as it was in 2017. PEC received an invitation for the President or a representative to attend the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in August 2019; and received an update from the grant team for the “Moravian Clergy Connections” program (funded by the Lilly Foundation) regarding the selection of a Project Assistant.

### **OTHER MATTERS**

PEC scheduled and set the agenda for a one-day retreat/planning meeting the first week of January 2019; and continued discussion of filling the full-time position of Assistant to the President of the PEC.

The PEC meets Jan. 10 and 24.

*Submitted by David Guthrie, PEC President*

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### ***Moravian Archives***

1. On Thursday, January 10, at 12:15pm in the Spaugh Lecture/Recital Hall at the Archie K. Davis Center, Archivist J. Eric Elliott will present this month’s thirty-minute Lunchtime Lecture – “New Tools at the Archives for African-American Genealogy Research,” a review of recent and ongoing work to make these records more available and useable.
2. On Monday, January 14, at 4pm, the Archives hosts the second meeting of the Moravian Studies Collaborative, a nascent network of local academics, independent researchers, and Moravian records keepers in Forsyth County.
3. On Thursday, January 17, the Archives will hold its first Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, to honor the nearly twenty folks who have been working with us over this last year.
4. The exhibit “The Languages of Flowers in Moravian Wachovia” will open to the public the last week of January in our Archie K. Davis building lobby. The two-panel traveling exhibit will be accompanied here by interpreted artifacts from our vault. This is the first of a three-exhibit series sponsored by the Garden Council of Forsyth County and the Old Salem Garden Club.

*Submitted by Eric Elliott*

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### **2018 YEAR END REPORTS**

A reminder that annual year-end reports are due in the PEC office by January 31. The reports were provided via e-mail in November to pastors, church educators and secretaries. They are also available at the Provincial website.

## Moravian Ministries Foundation



### *Thy Will be Done*

We pray with assurance that God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven. But making sure your own wishes are honored requires planning and documentation. Your Foundation can help.

Do you have a Last Will & Testament? Is it up to date? Does it remember your family, church, and the Moravian ministries you love? If you could not answer all three questions in the affirmative, let 2019 be the year you make a plan with the Moravian Ministries Foundation in America and your attorney.

[Continue Reading](#)

*Submitted by Vince Holbrook*

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## From The Provincial Financial Office

**IRS Mileage Rate** – The IRS has set the allowable business mileage reimbursement rate for 2019 at 58 cents per mile. For moving or medical expense, the new rate for 2019 is 20 cents per mile. The rate for charitable purposes remains at 14 cents per mile.

**2019 Church Budgets** – The 2019 Budgets were due to the Provincial Financial Office December 15, 2018. There are many that have not been submitted. Please get those in as soon as possible.

*Submitted by Robyn Glance, Chief Financial Officer*

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