



# PROVINCIAL TIES

*February 2019*



— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

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## Unity Women's desk

The Unity Women's Desk is pleased to announce that Sr. Julie Tomberlin will be taking over the Unity Women's Desk Coordinator position effective February 1. Julie will be in the UWD office Monday-Thursday from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. She will also be available for speaking engagements and making presentations about the UWD at other times. Please consider inviting her to speak at your worship services and other activities in your church. You may contact her at [Unitywomen2011@gmail.com](mailto:Unitywomen2011@gmail.com) or by calling the office at 336-725-6413.

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In addition, we will have two new Advisory Board members--the Rt. Reverend Blair Couch from the American Region and Sr. Rachel Lwali from the Africa Region. We are pleased to have two such fine women on the board. Our thanks to Sr. Sallie Greenfield and Sr. Angelene Swart who are retiring from the board.

I would personally like to thank all of you for the wonderful support that you have given to the Unity Women's Desk for these last eight years. The services we are now able to provide to Moravian women around the world has far exceeded our expectations! The Lord has blessed us in so many ways, and you all have been the ones to deliver these blessings. I hope you will continue your great support for many years to come.

Thanks and blessings,  
Patty Garner

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## *BCM News for February*

### **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.

Workshop Topics:

Connecting Home, Church, and Community | Exploring the Neighborhood | Being Neighbor Online | Mission with Our Neighbors | Congregational Outreach in the 21st Century | & More!

\$20 Regular | \$15 Pastor/Educator | \$10 Student

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

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

## **Jumpstart! Pioneering New Church Communities**



Saturday, March 23, 2019, 8:00 AM- 4:00 PM | Unity Moravian Church, Lewisville, NC

Do you have a dream of launching a new ministry, but are unsure how to get started? Are you discerning a call to create a new kind of church community? Do you need inspiration, support, or just some good, practical advice as you begin? Then join us to Jumpstart! your ministry idea and engage with other Moravian pioneers as together we explore new ways to follow Jesus in serving the world.

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**What:** Jumpstart! Pioneering New Church Communities hosted by the New and Emerging Ministry Team of the Moravian Church Southern Province  
**When:** Saturday, March 23, 2019, doors open at 8:00 AM; program starts at 8:30 AM  
**Where:** Unity Moravian Church, 8300 Concord Church Road, Lewisville, NC 27023  
**Who:** Anyone interested in exploring their vision for ministry or eager begin their dream of a new kind of church community!

Visit [Moravian.Online/Jumpstart](http://Moravian.Online/Jumpstart) to register by March 18th. Scholarships and travel stipends are also available. Contact Ruth Cole Burcaw ([rburcaw@mcsp.org](mailto:rburcaw@mcsp.org)) to learn more.

\$10 per person. (Please bring to event. Make checks payable to MCSP.)

## Aging Well Conference 2019



**AGING  
Well**

Saturday, March 30, 2019 | 9:00am to 1:15pm | Trinity  
Moravian Church, Winston-Salem, NC

Register now! The third annual Aging Well Conference will be here soon!

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. The Aging Well Conference features workshops to help people of faith address the challenges of aging!

Workshops Topics:

Celebrating the Story of You | Exploring Options for Senior Living | Missions for Seniors | Together through the Valley of the Shadow | Understanding Medicare | Working Movement into your Daily Routine

Only \$15 | \$10 for pastors, educator, and students

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

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

*Submitted by Hanna Jackson*



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## **Provincial Women's Board**

### ***2019 Days of Prayer Schedule***

#### **Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019-HOME MORAVIAN**

Speaker: Rev. Sandra Thigpen

9:45 - Coffee Hour

10:45 - Music

11:00 - Worship, Nursery Provided

#### **Sunday, March 10, 2019-CHRIST MORAVIAN**

Speaker: Rev. Adam Goodrich

2:00 - Lovefeast, Nursery Provided

#### **Wednesday, March 13, 2019-TRINITY MORAVIAN**

Speaker: Rev. Debbie Lanier

11:00 - Worship

Luncheon

#### **Wednesday, March 20, 2019-ARDMORE MORAVIAN**

Speaker: Rev. Dan Nelson

9:45 - Coffee Hour

10:45 - Music

11:00 - Worship, Nursery Provided

#### **Wednesday March 27, 2019-CALVARY MORAVIAN**

Speaker: Rev. Chaz Snider

9:45-10:45 - Coffee Hour

11:00 - Worship, Nursery Provided

#### **Wednesday April 3, 2019-FAIRVIEW MORAVIAN**

Speaker: Rev. Victoria Lasley

10:30 - Band Prelude

11:00 - Worship with Communion, Nursery Provided

#### **Wednesday, April 10, 2019 -KONNOAK HILLS MORAVIAN**

Speaker: Rt. Rev. Carol Foltz

11:00 - Lovefeast

**April 14, Palm Sunday**

**April 19, Good Friday**

**April 21, Easter Sunday**

*Submitted by Cindy Lamb, Provincial Women's Board*

## *For Your February Calendar*

7 .....MMA Meeting  
8-10.....Winter Journey, LR  
14.....PEC Meeting  
21.....Bishops Meeting  
22-24.....Moravian Music on the Mountain, LR  
23.....Leadership Focus  
24.....Brass Band concert, HMC  
28.....PEC Meeting



## **Concerns and Celebrations**

### *Ordination Anniversaries for February 2019*

Paul Couch, Jr.....25 years  
Tim Sapp.....13 years  
Craig Troutman.....37 years  
Steve Wilson.....43 years  
Andrew Heil.....6 years  
Fran Saylor.....1 year

### *DCE Anniversary for February 2018*

Joyce Vance.....19 years

*Congratulations and God Bless You!*

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## *For Your Address Book*

*Please note the following changes:*

The Rev. **Jon Peterson** (Bonnie)  
87 Riverside Dr.  
Columbus, MS 39702  
334-350-2706  
[jpeterson20@ec.rr.com](mailto:jpeterson20@ec.rr.com)

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## ***PEC News for February***

The Provincial Elders' Conference held a retreat and planning meeting Jan. 3-4, with all members participating. PEC had regular meetings January 10 and 24. Jan. 10 Peggy Carter and Keith Kapp were absent, due to participating in a trip to Israel and Palestine; Jan. 24 Peggy Carter joined the meeting by conference call. The regular meetings included shared news and a time of prayer for pastors, church educators and congregations.

### **SYNOD / STRATEGIC DIRECTION**

The PEC continued to discuss its response to the "Concerned Moravians", and arranged for PEC members to attend a prayer service planned by this group for Jan. 27. PEC met with 3 of 6 members of the Resolution 14 Response Team to discuss their work as mandated by that Synod resolution; and planned an update meeting with the initial members of the Provincial Organization Core Team (Resolutions 17 & 18. PEC responded to a request from the Board of World Mission regarding the planning team for the Moravian Day of Service to be held September 15, 2019 (Resolution 2).

### **CHURCHES AND LEADERS**

The PEC discussed ordination requirements for two approved candidates, Evette Campbell and Illovis Gonzalez, as they complete studies and preparation for ministry; reviewed the status of two other approved and two prospective candidates; and considered appointments to two openings on the Candidacy Committee. PEC continued appropriate steps in call processes for: Calvary (Associate), Covenant/Water of Life (ELCA), Little Church on the Lane, New Beginnings, and Rural Hall; and interim pastor arrangements for Fries Memorial (Worth Green), New Philadelphia (pending), and Prince of Peace (Tom Shelton); and, appointed Tom Anders as Provincial Acolyte for Community Fellowship. PEC continued engagement with the leadership of Christ the King church regarding fulfilling their desire to depart the Southern Province, doing so according to our governance and polity. PEC made plans to receive and respond to 2018 annual reports from pastors and church educators beginning in February.

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

PEC made plans for two workshops at the February Leadership Focus event sponsored by the Board of Cooperative Ministries, discussed the BCM's recent reorganization, and reaffirmed PEC priorities for that board. PEC reviewed a list of PEC appointments to various boards, commissions, and committees. PEC noted the Interprovincial Faith and Order Commission will meet in Winston-Salem Feb. 25-26, and expects to complete a final draft of new membership preparation (catechism) materials to submit to the PECs for review and approval. PEC received a report of the New and Emerging Ministries Team's work; discussed possible creation of a Commission on the Ministry to work at the direction of the PEC; and contacted Moravian Theological Seminary regarding its board considering possible changes in the M. Div. program and curriculum. PEC identified individuals to invite to serve on the Interprovincial Ministers Convocation Planning Committee, and the Interprovincial Commission on Music and Worship.

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## **UNITY and ECUMENICAL**

PEC, in consultation with the Northern Province PEC, approved a request from the Unity Women's Desk to designate the fourth Sunday of October as "Violence against Women Awareness Sunday." This will be officially listed among the Days of Prayer for our Provinces. PEC approved a one-time grant of \$2,500 to Christian Churches Together in the USA, in addition to our regular 2019 contribution.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

PEC planned for a 6-month book study of *Discerning God's Will Together* (D. Morris and C. Olsen); appointed one of our members to serve as "discernmentarian" during our meetings; determined to arrange to meet at one of our churches for one of our regular meetings each month; and, made plans for a performance review of the PEC President in February. PEC approved a recommendation to appoint Audrey West as Project Manager for the Moravian Clergy Connections effort funded by a grant from the Lilly Foundation. Following up on a conversation at the joint meeting of the PECs in November 2018, PEC adopted the following purpose statement: *"The mission of the Southern Province is to equip Moravian Christians and congregations to be agents of God's transforming love in the world. We do this through spiritual growth, community and mission."* PEC approved a change in PEC office hours to: Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Fridays, by appointment. Friday will be used as an administrative day.

The PEC will meet February 14 and 28.

*Submitted by David Guthrie, PEC President*

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## ***Moravian Archives***

*February 2019*

1. On Thursday, February 14, from 12:15 pm until 1:00 pm in the Spaugh Lecture/Recital Hall at the Archie K. Davis Center, 457 S. Church Street in Winston-Salem, we welcome a Lunchtime Lecture presentation, "Recovering the Second St. Philips Graveyard," by members of the Salem Congregation Graveyard Committee.
2. The two-panel traveling exhibit "The Languages of Flowers in Moravian Wachovia" is showing now through the end of March in the lobby of the Archie K. Davis Center at 457 S. Church St. in Winston-Salem. The exhibit is viewable during normal Archives' public hours, 9:30am-noon and 1:30-4:30pm, Mondays-Thursdays. The display is accompanied by selected artifacts from the Archives' vault. The exhibit was written by Archivist J. Eric Elliott and made possible by grants from the Garden Club Council of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County and the Old Salem Garden Club.
3. The next training for the Family History Docent program is March 12, 2019 from 9am until 12 noon. Docents receive special training and extra information about our genealogical resources in exchange for volunteering at least thirty hours of time over a three-month period, helping family history researchers and working on genealogy projects in the Archives. Currently four Docents are fully certified and assisting in our work. If interested, contact the Archives at 336-722-1742 or by email at [moravianarchives@mosp.org](mailto:moravianarchives@mosp.org)

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4. Welcome to two new members of the Archives Commission, our agency's governing board - and our thanks and best wishes to two retiring members from that group. Joining the ten-person board is Paul Knouse of Home Moravian Church, who will serve a term from 2019-2022, and Christine Ebert of Ardmore Moravian, who will serve a term from 2019-2020. Leaving the board is Friedland Moravian's Scott Brent and Chair Mike Sloan of New Philadelphia Moravian. Thanks to all for your willingness to serve and to make our good place better!

*Submitted by Eric Elliott*

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## Moravian Ministries Foundation Extraordinary Builders



Lydian Bernhardt, career journalist and Trustee at First Moravian Church in Greensboro, NC, writes the first article in her series "Ordinary People, Extraordinary Gifts." Learn how The Rev. Bill & Carol McElveen love their neighbors and support Moravian ministry with a gift of life insurance. They are Extraordinary Builders.

[Click here to read article.](#)

*Submitted by Vince Holbrook*

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## From The Provincial Financial Office

**2019 Budgets**– If you have not submitted your church's 2019 budget, we need it immediately. These were due on December 15, 2018, and are important not only in managing your congregation's finances, but are also used provincially to compare similar size churches. Please check with your Church Treasurer or Board Chair to verify that your congregation's budget has been submitted.

**2018 Church Audits** - Instructions for performing the 2018 "audits" of churches will be out shortly to all Church Treasurers and Trustee Chairs/Vice Chairs. There are lots of changes this year to the forms. Please make sure you use the 2018 year's form and follow the directions closely. Please be sure these instructions are given to your Church's "Audit Committee." The audit is due April 15.

No audit will ever detect every potential misstatement, but an annual audit goes a long way to ensuring the financial health of your congregation.

*Submitted by Robyn Glance, Chief Financial Officer*





## **Moravian Music Events**

*Calendar of Community Music & Events*

**Feb 3 Winston-Salem Community Band Winter Concert**, South Fork Community Center, 4403 Country Club Rd., 3:00pm. Free. [www.weplay.ws](http://www.weplay.ws) Robert Clark, Director.

**Feb 5 Salem Band Bernstein Birthday Concert**, Tuesday, Feb. 5, 7:30 pm, Hanes Auditorium in the Elberson FAC, Salem College, Winston-Salem, NC. FREE. [www.salemband.org](http://www.salemband.org) Eileen Young, Director.

**Feb 9 Just for Fun, if you happen to be in Europe!**  
**The Moravian Brass will present a Benefit Concert in Neuwied, Germany.** Saturday evening at 8:00pm, in the Saal, Friedrichstr. 32, Neuwied. Fundraiser for the 2019 Bläserntag in Neuwied, later in June. Made up of players from several European congregations. Free; offering.

**Feb 14 Lunchtime Lecture – *Recovering the Second St. Phillips Graveyard*; Salem Congregation Graveyard Committee, speakers.** Lunchtime Lectures are held at 12:15 p.m. in the Spaugh 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](#)

**Feb 24 Music@Home Concert Series; North Carolina Brass Band.** 3:00 p.m., Home Moravian Church sanctuary, 529 S. Church St., Winston-Salem, NC, 336-722-6171. Free; donations appreciated. [www.homemoravian.org](http://www.homemoravian.org)

## **Music on the Mountain a Moravian Music Weekend**

**Feb 22-24, 2019**

**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). This year, it is possible to play AND sing, if you like.

Call Laurel Ridge to register (336) 359-2951 (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 for more information and forms](#)

Materials for  
**Moravian Music Sunday**  
have been posted  
[www.moravianmusic.org/moravian-music-sunday/](http://www.moravianmusic.org/moravian-music-sunday/)  
THEME: *Christ makes all things new*

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Recognizing that music is a means of proclaiming the Gospel, we celebrate Moravian Music Sunday on the fifth Sunday of Easter (**May 19, 2019**) to encourage congregations to share the Moravian musical heritage. To help in your planning, we have posted ideas, templates, liturgies, music suggestions, and free music on our website

- ⌘ A suggested order of service, easily adapted for use in a lovefeast;
- ⌘ A short liturgy for Moravian Music Sunday;
- ⌘ A “statement to be read” during your special musical worship;
- ⌘ Information regarding the hymns and music suggested for Moravian Music Sunday;
- ⌘ A camera-ready “front-and-back” bulletin insert.

*Submitted by Erik J Salzwedel*

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## **Salem Congregation**

### **New Method for Cleaning Gravestones in God’s Acre**

As part of Salem Congregations’ efforts to maintain and protect the gravestones in God’s Acre, we are adopting the national standards for cleaning of gravestones, which is best practice to preserve them for the future. The National Park Service has led the effort to research the best methods of cleaning gravestones which is both effective long term and doesn’t damage the stone. In addition it is very safe to handle. The recommended cleaner is call “D/2 Biological Solution.” There is more detailed information available on the process at the D2bio.com website as well as at the National Park Service NCPTT website. It only requires spraying on the D/2, then gentle scrubbing with soft plastic or natural bristle brush (don’t use a brush you wouldn’t use on your car!), and then a final rinsing. Once a year after then it just needs a reapplication. For any build-up, a wooden or plastic scraper can be used to loosen.

The attached pictures are a similar product tested last year by Home Church, that shows how effective this can be without significant scrubbing.

We have the D/2 cleaner on hand and anyone wanting to clean a gravestone is welcome to stop by and borrow a spray bottle of D/2 to use. It will eliminate the discoloration that forms over an extended period, but does not harm the stone. The only difference is that this method doesn’t immediately clean off all the discoloration but works over several months, leaving stones bright and clean.

In order to prepare for next Easter, Salem Congregation will be treating stones early in the new year so they will be ready at Easter for any final cleaning. The youth who help clean and put out flowers, and the various congregations will be using the new cleaner, but there will be less work needed at Easter. We will be setting some dates for some of those groups to come help this spring, contact us if you are willing to help or follow our Facebook page.

Please note that most ‘traditional’ methods damage the surface of the stone, such as most household cleaners (Comet, Ajax, Awesome, etc.), power sprayings, acid, etc. by reacting with the stone, or introducing ‘salts’ into the stone which causes it to break apart. We have been noticing many stones are losing their polished finish and showing small chips from other cleaning methods.

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We will provide spray bottles of the recommended D/2 cleaner for anyone coming by the Salem Congregation office during regular office hours. If you want to come on a weekend, then let us know and we'll arrange to leave some for you.



Salem Congregation offices can be reached at 336-722-6504

*Submitted by David Bergstone*

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## Board of World Mission

The Salmon Bake at New Philadelphia has been rescheduled for March 23, 2019 at 5:30 pm. Their wonderful chefs will prepare fresh salmon and all the trimmings delivered by Ed Dehnert, Dean of the Alaska Bible Seminary. Ed, his wife Barb, and a seminary student will bring greetings from Alaska and share information about the Seminary and Moravian ministries there. The meal is provided free, and donations will be received for the ministry of the Seminary.

Please send your reservations to Sheila Beaman, [sbeaman@mcsp.org](mailto:sbeaman@mcsp.org), phone 336-773-1732 by March 4, 2019

*Submitted by Sheila Beaman*

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## SALEM CONGREGATION 2019 OFFICERS

On January 10, 2019, the Central Board of Elders and Trustees of Salem Congregation held their annual Joint Board meeting and elected 2019 officers as follows:

### **Elders:**

- Chair of Central Elders – The Rev. Chaz Snider (Pastor at Ardmore Moravian)
- Vice Chair of Central Elders – The Rev. Ginny Tobiassen (Pastor at Home Moravian)
- Secretary of Central Elders – Margie Lamb (Member at Fries Memorial Moravian)

### **Trustees:**

- Salem Congregation President and Chair for the Central Trustees – Chris Stone (Member at Calvary Moravian)
- Salem Congregation Vice President and Vice Chair of the Central Trustees – Peggy Carter (Member at Fries Memorial Moravian)
- Salem Congregation Secretary/Treasurer and Secretary of Central Trustees – Peggy Crouse (Member at Ardmore Moravian)

*Submitted by Bridget Smith*

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