



# PROVINCIAL TIES *March 2019*



— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

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## ***2019 Watchword for the Southern Province***

Each year the European Continental Province makes arrangements to draw watchwords for the individual Provinces, Mission Provinces, and Mission Areas. The texts assigned to the Southern Province are those for *Sunday, October 26:*

You are a people holy to the Lord your God; it is you the Lord has chosen out of all the peoples on earth to be his people, his treasured possession. *Deuteronomy 14:2*

God is one; and he will justify the circumcised on the ground of faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith. *Romans 3:30*

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The prayer in the U.S. edition of the Daily Texts is:

God, you are one; we are so many and so different. What a miracle! Amid and despite the divisions of the world, you have called us, your people, to show all humanity that we are one family – your daughters and sons. May it be so. Amen.

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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*



## Laurel Ridge News

- Please take a minute to mark April 6th on your Spring Calendar! We have planned our workday this season to get ready for summer and we need your help. There are plenty of tasks to keep everyone busy, and there are no particular skill sets required. Contact Michael Sawtelle at [michael@laurelridge.org](mailto:michael@laurelridge.org) or in the office at (336)359-2951 to reserve a spot for lunch! We look forward to seeing you here.
- We are excited about the 2019 camps and retreats! One of our special projects this year is planting Apple Trees! Each camp will be a part of this project as we begin the next phase of the Garden Plan by planting an Orchard above the garden area and suncatcher. The Orchard is an opportunity to provide trees in memory or in honor of someone. There will be one Marker/Sign that will say "This Orchard was made possible by families in memory and honor of loved ones". If you would like to help provide trees for the Orchard, please send funds to Laurel Ridge, 124 Pendry Dr, Laurel Springs, NC 28644 and designate them to the "Orchard". This will be a tax deductible gift. Thank you in advance for your support of Laurel Ridge Camp Conference and Retreat Center!

*Submitted by Scarlett Dowdy and Michael Sawtelle, Laurel Ridge Camp and Conference Center*

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## *BCM News for March*

### **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.

**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)

### Sign up for Weekly Family Devotionals

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 2018! But you can sign up at any time and start benefiting from our *Weekly Family Devotionals*.

Sign up at <http://bit.ly/FamilyNurture>

*Submitted by Hanna Jackson*

## *For Your March Calendar*

7.....MMA Meeting  
14.....PEC Meeting  
23.....Jumpstart, Unity Moravian, 8am - 4pm  
26.....Bishops Meeting  
28.....PEC Meeting  
30..... 3rd annual Aging Well Conference, Trinity, 9am – 1:15pm

## **Concerns and Celebrations**

Illness:

From Gregorio Moody: we ask for your prayers for Bishop John Wilson, living in Miami Florida. Bishop John suffered a fall several days ago and is now in a rehabilitation center recovering well. Pray for his wife, Helen, his children and grandchildren.

## *Ordination Anniversaries for March 2019*

Margaret Leinbach.....15 years  
Zachary Dease.....6 years  
Leslie Venable.....32 years

## *Congratulations and God Bless You!*

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## *Friends of the Moravian Prison Ministry*

The Rev. **Jeff Carter** is now the new chaplain for the Forsyth Jail and Prison Ministry. Jeff started working mid-January and we at the Friends of Moravian Prison Ministry are so happy to have him there. He is a good fit for the work there, and we welcome him.

*Submitted by Margie Lamb*

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## *PEC News for March*

The Provincial Elders' Conference met February 14 and 28 with all members present. These meetings began with review of annual reports from pastors and church educators and a time of intercessory prayer.

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## **SYNOD / STRATEGIC DIRECTION**

Feb. 14 PEC met with the initial members of the Provincial Organization Core Team (Resolution 17) to discuss expanding the team and to review progress and priorities. PEC discussed the possibility of cooperating with the Northern Province whose 2018 Synod called for mandatory training for pastors about racism, and passed this along to the Moravian Team for Racial, Cultural and Ethnic Reconciliation (Resolution 19) for review and a recommendation. PEC received a report from the Feb. 27 meeting of the Resolution 14 Response/Resources Team, which is being formed to provide materials and information to congregations as described in that Synod resolution. PEC discussed the response of participants to the recent workshop which was part of Leadership Focus and which explored the purpose statement for the Province which PEC has adopted:

*“The purpose 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.”*

## **CHURCHES AND LEADERS**

The PEC reviewed a memo summarizing current and future pastoral vacancies; and discussed and took action specific action for the following call and appointment processes: Bethania, Calvary (Associate), New Beginnings, and Rural Hall; New Philadelphia (intentional interim). The PEC approved 2019 allocations from the Bishop W. Herbert Spough Ministerial and Children’s Education Fund to be used for cost of attendance grants for seminary students, continuing education grants to pastors, a continuing education event for pastors, and support for the annual Moravian Ministry Association retreat. PEC discussed a summary report of congregational statistics for 2018, and ten-year, five-year and two-year trends. PEC received a report from a meeting Nola Knouse had with Frank Crouch (Moravian Seminary) and Betsy Miller (Northern Province) regarding educational programs for Provincial Acolytes (called licensed lay pastors in the NP).

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

The PEC received reports and updates from the January regular meeting and the February planning meeting of the Board of Cooperative Ministries, as well as from the New and Emerging Ministries Team as it plans its March 23 “Jumpstart” event. PEC discussed and revised a funding plan for new and emerging ministries utilizing the New and Emerging Ministries Fund approved by the 2014 Synod. PEC approved forming a seven-member Commission on Ministry which will work under the supervision of the PEC and focus on matters related to candidacy, ordained ministry, Provincial Acolytes, and church educators. PEC discussed a template provided by the Moravian Ministries Foundation of a “giving portal” they are creating to allow contributions toward funds managed by MMRA and entities with which it has a relationship. One goal is to create a common platform to support a future Moravian “day of giving.” PEC discussed topics for David Guthrie to mention as the Interprovincial Faith and Order Commission met Feb. 25-26 in Winston-Salem.

## **UNITY and ECUMENICAL**

PEC received an invitation from the Northern Province to send participants to the annual plenary meeting of Churches Uniting in Christ, to be held in June in Montgomery, AL; and noted David Guthrie’s participation in a March 7-8 steering committee meeting of Christian Churches Together in the USA.

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## **OTHER MATTERS**

In its Feb. 28 meeting, PEC began a study and discussion of the book, *Discerning God's Will Together: A Spiritual Practice for the Church*. PEC decided to use roughly \$28,000 of a recent unrestricted bequest of \$119,600 to cover deficits in the ministers' moving expense and Synod funds, with the remainder being placed in the PEC discretionary fund.

PEC office hours are now: 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 March 14 and 28.

*Submitted by David Guthrie, PEC President*

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## ***Moravian Archives***

*March 2019*

- We have rescheduled Richard Starbuck from March to a later date to speak as Lunchtime Lecturer. On March 14 from 12:15-1:00 pm at the Spaugh Lecture/Recital Hall on the second floor of our Archives Building Archivist J. Eric Elliott will speak on the creation of the Archives traveling exhibit "The Languages of Flowers in Moravian Wachovia." A door prize winner will get some take-home flowers. The exhibit is viewable during normal Archives' public hours, 9:30am-noon and 1:30-4:30pm, Mondays-Thursdays, and the display is accompanied by selected artifacts from the Archives' vault. The exhibit was written by Archivist Elliott and made possible by grants from the Garden Club Council of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County and the Old Salem Garden Club.
- There are still a couple spots left in our next Family History Docent Training, set for March 12 from 9am until noon starting in the Archives Conference Room. 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 by March 8 at 336-722-1742 or by email at [moravianarchives@mosp.org](mailto:moravianarchives@mosp.org) Docents are traveling on a field trip to Rockingham County on March 15 to learn more about possible Moravian connections there.
- Our next Archives Commission meeting is Tuesday, March 26, from 6:00-8:00 pm in the Archives' Conference Room.
- Archivist Elliott will speak at the "Aging Well" Conference on Saturday, March 30. Hope you can join at Trinity Moravian for our part in a half-days' worth of good information and fellowship. He'll be talking about Moravian memoirs and "Celebrating the Story of You." Register online at <https://www.moravian.org/bcm/2019/01/17/aging-well-conference-2019/>

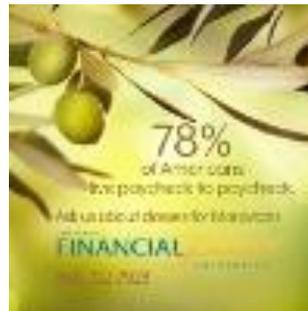
*Submitted by Eric Elliott*

## Moravian Ministries Foundation

### *Find Financial Peace in 2019*

Your Moravian Ministries Foundation in America is pleased to announce a new partnership with Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. This partnership allows U.S. Moravian congregations to acquire all the program materials needed to lead this time-tested and highly-regarded program at a fraction of the usual cost.

We have sent information about this offer to all U.S. Moravian pastors and asked them to pass it along to trustees, stewardship committees, or other leaders in your congregation.



If you are interested in either taking the class, or leading them, we encourage you to make your interests known to your pastor or trustees. If your own congregation opts out, we'll do our best to help you find another local Moravian congregation that plans to offer the program

[Click here to continue reading.](#)

If you are above 70.5 years of age, have you thought about using an IRA to make distributions for ministry to your church, or your favorite Moravian Agency? If you have to take your minimum required distribution from an IRA every year (i.e. you are above 70.5 and the IRS makes you take that distribution), then you can make a qualified charitable distribution directly from your IRA custodian to your church. This prevents you from having to recognize the income (and pay taxes) from that IRA distribution that you have sent to your church. Under current law, the maximum amount allowed for this distribution is \$100,000. Unless the donation is for a specific cause, it would be considered regular offering (line 1 income) for your church and is an excellent way to efficiently make your donations for the Kingdom of God. If you have questions about your individual situation or other charitable planning options, please call Chris Spaug at the Moravian Ministries Foundation in America (888-722-7923 or [cspaugh@mmfa.info](mailto:cspaugh@mmfa.info)).

*Submitted by Vince Holbrook and Chris Spaug*

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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



## *Sunnyside Ministry News*

Sunnyside needs your help in recruiting volunteers. While there is always some turnover causing an on-going need for interviewers, pantry workers and help with clothing, there is a particular need right now for people who will help sort and prepare clothing for display.

As for this need for workers with clothing, there have been occasions when a team worked together to get the job done and seemed to have, not only the satisfaction of ministering to needs, but lots of fun doing so with their team. The team may come as a group or several may come and become a team of new friends.

Will you please either use this written appeal or prepare one that fits your congregation even better?

Please forward our appeal to your mission committee, your fellowship groups (especially women's fellowship and circles, Sunday School classes), maybe even youth fellowships, and any other group which you think might want to challenge each other and enjoy this valuable ministry.

Our Development Director, Mary Beth Scebold, who directs our volunteers will provide training and helpful on-going guidance.

If you have questions or want to facilitate getting started, please call her at 336/7247558 ext.105 or at [Marybeth@sunnysideministry.org](mailto:Marybeth@sunnysideministry.org).

*Submitted by Bill McElveen*



**BOARD OF  
WORLD MISSION**  
of the Moravian Church • North America

## **Moravian Disaster Response (MDR) Summer Internship**

The Board of World Mission is seeking an intern for 10-12 weeks in the summer of 2019. The internship will be an opportunity to engage fully in the ongoing work of the Board of World Mission. The intern will take on a key role in the helping the Board of World Mission manage its Moravian Disaster Response (MDR) initiatives. Helping to recruit team members, setting up on site logistics/coordination, and communication with congregations are critical to the job. Other opportunities may include the facilitation of team trainings, development of congregational resources related to ongoing mission efforts.

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This is a full time, paid internship position with allocated travel budget. The intern will be able to work remotely, but must also be available to travel as needed throughout the summer, and plan to work closely with Board of World Mission staff. The intern must be available to travel throughout the summer to mission programming opportunities.

The Board of World Mission values the internship as a mentoring opportunity as well as a leadership and skill development tool. It will be structured to help guide the individual in the position to feel equipped for further leadership and involvement in Moravian Missions and beyond.

***Desired qualifications:***

- Interest in Moravian Mission efforts, and introductory knowledge of the role of the Board of World Mission in the Moravian Church in North America.
- Some experience with mission work either locally or internationally, and excited about continued involvement in this area.
- Strong written and oral communication skills / willing to speak in public
- Organized and detail orientated, able to manage multiple projects
- Proficient in Microsoft office and able to work with video editing software such as iMovie
- Willing to take initiative when working on new projects, flexible to adapt to changing work tasks and environment.
- Must be 18 years old and have completed high school

After a candidate has been selected further goals and learning plans can be developed to fit the needs to the Board of World Mission and the interests of the intern. Tangible outcomes of resource production, team leading, etc. will be part of the evaluation of the internship.

If interested, please apply by sending a resume and cover letter to [chris@moravianmission.org](mailto:chris@moravianmission.org). Applications will be received through Monday, March 11, 2019 with a decision made by the beginning of April.

*Submitted by Chris Giesler*

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## **Bread for World's North Carolina State Convention March 23**

Endorsed by our 1986 Provincial Synod, Bread for the World is a non-partisan, collective Christian voice urging national leaders to address the root causes of hunger at home and abroad. For the better part of four decades, Moravians have supported "Bread's" efforts by writing personal letters and sending other communications to Congressional representatives.

On Saturday, March 23, North Carolina's annual Bread for the World convention will bring hunger-relief advocates from across the state to Winston-Salem. Participants will gather at the Enterprise Conference Center (1922 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.) at 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Keynote Speaker for the event will be Gene Nichol, author of

the recently released book, The Faces of Poverty in North Carolina. Various workshops will also be offered.

For more information or to register, contact Rosa Saavedra at [rsaavedra@bread.org](mailto:rsaavedra@bread.org) or (919) 827-7616. For additional information on Bread for the World, visit: [www.bread.org](http://www.bread.org)

Submitted by John G. Rights

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## **Moravian Music Events**

*Calendar of Community Music & Events*

### **Great Sabbath Service of Music and Worship REHEARSALS BEGIN**

**March 10:**  
*All singers welcome!*

Gabriel Faure's *Requiem* (edited by John Rutter); Drake Flynt, conductor and Mary Louise Kapp Peeples, organist. Rehearsals will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sundays March 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7 at Home Moravian Church, Room CE 101. A dress rehearsal with orchestra is at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 12, in the Home Church sanctuary. A performance of the Great Sabbath music will be held at 3:00 p.m. at Salemtowne on Sunday, April 14. The Great Sabbath Service of Music and Worship is on Saturday, April 20, at 7:00 p.m., Home Moravian Church. *It is very important that you preregister so that we can be sure we have sufficient copies of the music. Please call or email Ted Leinbach at 336-724-0533 or [tedleinbach@aol.com](mailto:tedleinbach@aol.com) to register.*

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### **March Calendar of Concerts and Events**

**Mar 10 - Winston-Salem Community Band Spring Concert**, South Fork Community Center, 4403 Country Club Rd., 3:00pm. Free. [www.weplay.ws](http://www.weplay.ws)

**Mar 21 - Triad Community Band Concert** (formerly, Bethabara Band); 7:00pm, Rural Hall Moravian Church, fellowship hall, 7939 Broad St., Rural Hall, NC. Free. Please bring canned food donation.

**Mar 22 - Music for a Great Space; Kimberly Marshall, organist** (WS native, studied w John Mueller at UNCSA). 7:30pm, Christ Un. Methodist Church, 410 Holden Rd., Greensboro, NC. Purchase Tickets at the door or at [www.musicforagreatspace.org](http://www.musicforagreatspace.org) \$22/20/15/5.

**Mar 24 - Moravian Music Sunday**, 11:00 worship service, Raleigh Moravian, 1816 Ridge Rd., Raleigh, NC; a special service featuring Moravian music with the theme of *Prayer and Contemplation*. Free. 919-787-4034.

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*Moravian Music Sunday*  
**May 19, 2019**  
**Theme: Christ makes all things new**

**Recognizing that music is a means of proclaiming the Gospel, we celebrate Moravian Music Sunday on the fifth Sunday of Easter, which, in 2019, is May 19.**

This year we take as our theme the joyful truth that Christ makes all things new. The suggested order of worship includes hymns and anthems that are keyed to the Revised Common Lectionary, but also that speak to our theme. To help in your planning, we offer the following items on the [MMF website](#):

- A suggested order of service, which can easily be adapted for use in a lovefeast;
- A short liturgy for Moravian Music Sunday;
- A “statement to be read” which focuses attention on Moravian music in the perspective of faith and worship;
- Information regarding the music suggested for Moravian Music Sunday, which you may use in your newsletter or bulletin; and
- A camera-ready “front-and-back” bulletin insert, describing Moravian music and the Moravian Music Foundation.

*Submitted by Erik J Salzwedel*

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### *For Your Address Book*

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

**Doug Rights**, new email address: [doug@kingmoravianchurch.org](mailto:doug@kingmoravianchurch.org)

**David Merritt**, new email address: [dhmerritt1780@gmail.com](mailto:dhmerritt1780@gmail.com)

**Worth Green**, new email address: [worthgreen@gmail.com](mailto:worthgreen@gmail.com)

**Jimmie L. Newsom, Jr.**, new home address: 230 Thomas Road, King, NC 27021



### **Moravian Church Southern Province Social Media Policy**

The new social media policy provides clergy, lay staff and congregations of the Moravian Church, Southern Province guidance for the use of social media. The new policy is located on the provincial website ([www.mcsp.org](http://www.mcsp.org)) under Resources.

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