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April 2019



— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

247th Easter Sunrise Service

The 247th Easter Sunrise Service will be held on Sunday, April 21, 2019, beginning at 6:00 AM and will be led by The Rev. Chaz Snider, pastor of Ardmore Moravian Church. Worshipers will gather in front of Home Moravian Church, 529 S. Church Street (at the corner of Academy Street and S. Church Street) in Winston-Salem to begin the service. In reverent procession, worship continues as participants assemble in God's Acre for the conclusion of the service.

Submitted by Bridget Smith

BCM News for April 2019

Daily Social Media Lenten Devotion

Have you seen our daily Lenten devotion on our social media accounts? This year for Lent, we have been posting a daily devotion using excerpts from Mark Tidsworth's book, *40 Days of Prayer: Preparing Ourselves for God's Calling*. If you missed the first few weeks, you can easily find our previous posts by visiting our [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) account. And make sure to check back every day to walk through this spiritual journey with us!

May Admin Assistant Power Lunch Bunch



Tuesday, May 14, 2019, 12:00pm-1:30pm | Board of Cooperative Ministries, Winston-Salem, NC

Bring Your Pastor to Lunch Day with a Focus on Internal Communication

We had over 30 administrative staff participate in our power lunch bunch events last year. Those who attended had a chance to discuss issues that matter to them as admin staff, meet their peers in other churches and offices, and get specific information on self-care, communications, and record-keeping.

In May, we'll share resources and ideas on effective communication methods and what they can look like within the church office and staff. We will provide different resources available to help make communication between team members easier. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn new skills or share with others what is working in your church! This event is **FREE**, just [RSVP](#) letting us know you plan to join us! **For more information and to register visit MoravianBCM.org**

Save the Date: Children's Festival & Lovefeast

Sunday, August 18, 2019 | 2:00pm-5:00pm | Friedland Moravian Church, Winston-Salem, NC

An event for all children and their families commemorating the 1727 Moravian children's spiritual renewal in Herrnhut. Join for an afternoon of fun activities followed by a lovefeast. **More information to come!**



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.

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

Submitted by Hanna Jackson

From the Provincial Financial Office

Sales Tax Refunds – How would you like to receive a discount on almost everything you buy at the store? Well, that is what Churches can get due to their non-profit status. I am sure that most churches already file for sales tax refunds (or have sales tax exemption certificates), but if you don't, you are walking away from "free" money.

Nonprofits may now seek refunds of sales and use taxes when reimbursing volunteers for purchases of products and services used by the church. Per NCGS 105-164.14(b) "Sales and use tax liability indirectly incurred by a nonprofit entity through reimbursement to an authorized person of the entity for the purchase of tangible personal property and services for use in carrying on the work of the nonprofit entity is considered a direct purchase by the entity."

You can get form E-585 from the NC Department of Revenue's website to file for your refund. A request for a refund for the first six months of a calendar year is due the following October 15; a request for a refund for the second six months of a calendar year is due the following April 15. The rules are fairly straightforward as to what does and does not qualify. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to give Robyn Glance a call at (336)793-0093 or an email at rglance@mcsp.org.

2018 Church Audits– There is a **NEW FORM** this year. Please do not use old forms. Instructions for performing the 2018 "audits" of churches have been emailed to all Church Treasurers and Trustee Chairs/Vice Chairs. The new form and instructions are also on the MCSP.org website. Please be sure these instructions are given to your Church's "Audit Committee." Your audit is due April 15th this year. Please contact Robyn Glance, CFO if you have any questions on the new form.

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

2019 Budgets - As of this writing, we are still looking for 2019 budgets from 13 Churches. These were due on December 15, 2018. These are important not only from a Church standpoint but also provincially they allow for benchmarking between similar size churches. Please check with your Church Treasurer or Board Chair and if you are one of the 13 Churches, please respond as soon as possible.

Submitted by Robyn Glance

Archives News

April 2019

The Archives exhibit in the lobby of our Archie K. Davis Center, "The Languages of Flowers in Moravian Wachovia," is being held over until the end of April. See the exhibit now with original artifacts before it goes on the road.

On Thursday, April 11, the Lunchtime Lecture from 12:15 until 1:00pm will be "An Introduction to Moravian Memoirs for Young Persons," by Archivist Eric Elliott.

The Archives will be open for two special Saturday events in April and its staff will be on the road on a third:

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- On Saturday, April 6, the Archives will join with 22 other area organizations to celebrate the first annual Triad History Day from 10AM until 3PM, at the Greensboro History Museum (130 Summit Ave, Greensboro, NC 27401). It's a free one-day public festival focused on Triad history, both the stories and the people who preserve them.
- On Saturday, April 13, the Archives hosts a Gravestone Cleaning Workshop from 4:00-6:00 pm, co-sponsored by the New Winston Museum and the Town of Bethania. Gather outside of the Archie K. Davis Center at 457 S. Church (next to Salem's God's Acre behind Cedarhyrst) as Michele Williams, PhD, Visitor Services Manager for the Town of Bethania, demonstrates state-of-the-art gravestone cleaning techniques using Biological D-2 Solution, being adopted this year by Salem Congregation for use in our graveyards. Supplies will be provided but RSVP to Nicole Crabbe required. Email her at ncrabbe@mcsp.org . Rain date: April 15 at 4:00p.m.
- On Saturday, April 20, the Archives will be open from 9:00AM to 1:00PM for a special "Family and Flowers" day. While many are in the area taking care of gravestones at God's Acre on Great Sabbath morning, we want to open our doors and invite you in to see our reading room resources on family history, and to view our exhibit on "The Languages of Flowers in Moravian Wachovia." Light refreshments will also be provided.

Submitted by Eric Elliott

Great Sabbath Service of Music and Worship

April 14 and 20, 2019

Under the direction of Drake Flynt, with Mary Louise Kapp Peeples as organist, the Great Sabbath Chorus and Orchestra will present a Great Sabbath Service of Music and Worship.

3:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 14, 2019
in the Saal at Salemtowne

7:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 20, 2019
in the Home Moravian Church sanctuary.

The service is sponsored by the churches of Salem Congregation and the music will include the Fauré Requiem and other Great Sabbath anthems and hymns.

Submitted by Ted Leinbach for the Great Sabbath Committee



For Your April Calendar

- 4.....MMA Meeting
- 6.....Volunteer Workday, Laurel Ridge
- 11.....Lunchtime Lectures, 12:15, Archie K. Davis Center
- 11.....PEC Meeting
- 18.....Bishops Meeting, Cedarhyrst
- 19.....Easter Holiday, PEC Office Closed
- 21.....Easter

Concerns and Celebrations

Illness:

Chris Thore has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and will undergo surgery on April 12th. Please remember Chris and his family in prayer in the days to come.

Jeff Coppage has been undergoing medical tests over the last few weeks. Please remember Jeff and his family in prayer.

Pastoral Changes:

Chaz Snider has accepted the call to become associate pastor at Calvary Moravian. He will conclude his ministry at Ardmore on April 21st and begin at Calvary May 5th. Please remember brother Snider, his family, and the Calvary and Ardmore congregations in prayer during this time of transition.

David Marcus has accepted the call to become the assistant to the PEC President. David will conclude his ministry at Christ Moravian on April 8th and will begin work at the PEC Office April 22nd. Please remember David and the Christ congregation in prayer during this time of change.

Ordination Anniversaries for April 2019

- Phil Bauguess.....44 years
- Wayne Byerly.....22 years
- Cheryl Cottingham.....9 years
- Richard Spaugh.....52 years
- Riddick Weber.....17 years

Congratulations and God Bless You!

PEC News for April

The Provincial Elders' Conference met March 14 and 28, with one member participating via telephone conference call March 14 and two March 28. The PEC continued to discuss annual reports from church educators and pastors, and invested time in intercessory prayer for needs and concerns across the province.

SYNOD / STRATEGIC DIRECTION

PEC appointed nine additional members to the Provincial Organization Core Team (for Resolutions 17 and 18); and, discussed the work and priorities of the Resolution 14 Response/Resources team which will be developing resources and materials for congregations.

CHURCHES AND LEADERS

The PEC met with Joyce Vance of the Church Educator Committee for conversation about church educators, the certification process, and ways to strengthen support for educators. The PEC continued steps in various call processes: Bethania, Calvary (Associate), Christ, Covenant/Water of Life (ELCA), Fries Memorial, New Beginnings, Prince of Peace, and Rural Hall; appointed Alfred Yorks as Provincial Acolyte for the Surinam Moravian Fellowship at the request of its steering committee; appointed a Congregational Acolyte upon election by the church boards at Clemmons; and discussed insights about three-quarter time pastorates from an informal conversation between a pastor and four PEC members. The PEC approved a sick days policy for pastors and completed a memorandum about compensation and benefits which will be delivered to pastors and church board leaders.

BOARDS, COMMITTEES, and COMMISSIONS

The PEC responded to recommendations from the Provincial Support Services Board concerning requests from two congregations for adjustment in their Provincial Share allocation; discussed membership and composition of that Board in preparation for Dave Marcus' concluding service on the Board; and approved proposed changes in the job descriptions for the Chief Financial Officer and the Human Resources Director. PEC met with Eric Elliott, Archivist, for a report and updates about the work of the Archives and its Commission; considered recommendations for an appointment to the Interprovincial Board of Communication; and received an executive summary and a memo about the feasibility study for a Laurel Ridge 60th anniversary capital campaign. PEC received a report from the Jumpstart event hosted by the New and Emerging Ministries Team on March 23.

UNITY and ECUMENICAL

PEC received updates about the Nicaraguan Province, and the impact and aftermath of Cyclone Idai, particularly in Malawi.

OTHER MATTERS

Approaching its first anniversary of service, PEC set plans for an annual review of our ministry together and that of the President.

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 April 11.

Submitted by David Guthrie, PEC President

Moravian Ministries Foundation



Moravian Congregations Benefit Most from Gifts

Endowed and donor advised funds with your Moravian Ministries Foundation in America generated more than a half million dollars in distributions to ministry in 2018. The largest portion, 30%, was issued to mostly Moravian congregations in the United States to support the ongoing work of individual, local churches. Watch for a more detailed impact statement for the Moravian Ministries Foundation in America in an upcoming issue of *The Moravian Magazine*.

We thank all our Moravian sisters and brothers, congregations, and ministries who invest in the Moravian Common Fund and all who remember the Moravian institutions of ministry in their planned gifts.



Moving ministries forward, *together.*

Submitted by Vince Holbrook

Moravian Music Events

Calendar of Community Music & Events

Great Sabbath Service of Music and Worship

Gabriel Faure's **Requiem** (edited by John Rutter)

Drake Flynt, conductor and Mary Louise Kapp Peeples, organist.

Sunday, April 14. 3:00 p.m. in the Saal at Salemtowne. Free.

Saturday, April 20, at 7:00 p.m., Home Moravian Church. Free.

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Moravian Music Foundation

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THE MORAMUS CHORALE

Easter Cantata by Ernst Wilhelm Wolff. Friday, May 10 at 7:00pm

Kernersville Moravian Church, 504 S Main St, Kernersville, NC, (336) 993-3620.

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Easter Cantata by Ernst Wilhelm Wolff. Sunday, May 19 at 4:00pm
Home Moravian Church, 529 S Church St, Winston-Salem, NC, (336) 722-6171. Free.

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CALENDAR

Apr 4 Triad Community Swing Band Concert (formerly, Bethabara Swing Band); 7:00pm, Rural Hall Moravian Church, fellowship hall, 7939 Broad St., Rural Hall, NC. Free. Please bring canned food donation.

Apr 11 Luchtime Lecture – *An Introduction to Moravian Memoirs for Young Persons*; Eric Elliott, speaker. Luchtime 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](#)

BAND The 43rd annual cross walk will take place on Good Friday, April 19. All band members asked to meet on Salem Square (Winston-Salem, NC) at 11:00 - 11:15am. The walkers arrive around 11:40-45. In the event of rain, we will play under Main Hall portico.

BAND Saturday, April 20, all are very welcome to play with the "Porch Band" on the terrace of the Archie K Davis Ctr - the building in Salem next to God's Acre that houses the Archives and Moravian Music Foundation. Come to the east side of the building -- the Salem College Fine Arts Ctr parking lot -- around 10:15. We'll play at about 10:30 until 11:15 or so. Cider and cookies provided!

May 4 Band Ice Cream Social and Fundraiser Saturday at 5:00 pm. Raleigh Moravian, 1816 Ridge Rd., Raleigh, NC; 919-787-4034. Free, donations accepted.

May 5 Music@Home Series; *A Margaret Vardell Sandresky Celebration*. 3:00 p.m., Home Moravian Church sanctuary, 529 S. Church St., Winston-Salem, NC, 336-722-6171. Free; donations appreciated. www.homemoravian.org

May 5 Winston-Salem Community Band Potpourri Concert Miller Park, 6:30pm. Free. www.weplay.ws

May 9 - Luchtime Lecture – *Gehra, Guera, Gera – Moravian Composer David Blum*, speaker. Luchtime 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](#)

Plan Now for Moravian Music Sunday was adopted by the Moravian Church to encourage each congregation to feature and celebrate our Moravian musical heritage. It may be in the form of morning worship, a lovefeast, a Singstunde, a special music service, etc. Details, ideas, templates, music suggestions, and free music available at moravianmusic.org/moravian-music-sunday/ (always the 5th Sunday of Easter, or 4th Sunday after Easter Sunday)

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NEWS

The Moravian Music Foundation has a **new Microfilm Reader**. It has capabilities to view, edit, clarify, improve, crop, print and save digital images from microfilm. David Blum, Research Librarian, can now access, edit and share files from Winston-Salem, as well as holdings in the Bethlehem Archives. Let us help you with your next Moravian music research or editing project! Set up an appointment at 336-725-0651 or info@moravianmusic.org.



Submitted by Erik J Salzwedel

NEWS FROM THE WIDOWS SOCIETY

The Board of Directors were very happy to send checks for \$500.00 to 59 Widows in March.

These ladies received the checks because their husbands were members of the Society when they went to the more immediate presence of the Lord.

Any married man under 61 who is a member of a Moravian Church, or whose wife is a member may join the society. Some grant funds are available to assist with the nominal cost to join.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the society. Over these 100 years, thousands of dollars have been sent to the widows. Several ladies have received checks for over 35 years.

For additional information and an application, please call the Rev. Dr. Bill Campbell at 336 403 3209.

Submitted by Bill Campbell



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BENEFIT CONTACTS

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- Contact for questions about:
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