



PROVINCIAL TIES

November 2019



— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

Archives News

November 2019

ARCHIVES OPEN HOUSE FOR PASTORS AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF. On November 12 from 2:00 -3:00pm and November 21 from 3:30-4:30pm the Archives staff will conduct an Open House Tour and vault review of materials for churches and their staff that deal with submitted church-required materials to the Archives. Please contact us at 336-722-1742 or by email at moravianarchives@mcspp.org to let us know you're coming – thanks!

LUNCHTIME LECTURE FOR NOVEMBER. Our November 14 talk from 12:15-1:00pm “My Dear Miss Fries: The Correspondence of Archivist Adelaide Fries 1911-1949” by Assistant Archivist Nicole Crabbe will be in the Spaugh Lecture/Recital Hall upstairs in our building. Come hear stories about this fascinating and gifted servant of the Moravian Church.

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SEE THE EXHIBIT “THE BOTANIZERS OF SALEM, 1785-1835” THROUGH NOVEMBER 30. The four-panel traveling exhibit "The Botanizers of Salem, 1785-1835" is sponsored by the Garden Club Council of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County and the Old Salem Garden Club. It's the story of six Moravians, five men and one woman, whose avid plant collecting passions led to their being a part of America's first national plant reference collection in Philadelphia. The exhibit sketches their stories and their enduring local legacy.

NOW ON SALE: VOLUME 9 of RECORDS OF THE MORAVIANS AMONG THE CHEROKEES, AND HERRNHUTER MORAVIAN STARS. Available at the Archives and through our website, “March to Removal, Pt. 4: ‘They Shall Not Be Forsaken,’ 1830-1833,” 481 pages, \$40; complete set limited time reduced price of \$270. Stars from factory in Herrnhut, Germany – we are selling non-white Moravian stars and light strands with the Moravian Music Foundation, thanks to our friends at Moravian Archives Bethlehem.

Submitted by Eric Elliott, Archivist, Moravian Archives

Moravian Ministries Foundation

What's in your stewardship sponge?

By Laura Watson

At a conference I attended earlier this year, I heard a speaker say: “The word ‘stewardship’ is like a really great sponge: it absorbs a lot of meaning wherever it's placed.”

What has your stewardship sponge absorbed? Is there anything in it that needs to be squeezed out so that new stewardship beliefs, ideas, and practices can be soaked up? At our recent Celebrate Stewardship conferences, we began by asking participants to share the first word that came to mind when they heard the word “stewardship.” It probably won't surprise you that the most common responses were “time, talent, and treasure,” as well as “money.”

Yes, stewardship involves these things, but it's so much more! It's a way of life. Unfortunately the association between money and the church's need for it is very strong, so much so that many congregations avoid even using the word “stewardship.”

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Moravian Music Foundation

Moramus Chorale

Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord

Singstunde

A service of music and worship; hymns, anthems, readings.

Sunday, Nov. 10, 2019, 4:00pm

Unity Moravian Church, 8300 Concord Church Rd., Lewisville, NC

Free; donations appreciated.

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Organ Recital

Sing Hallelujah! Moravian Music for Organ

Mary Lou Kapp Peeples, organist

November 16, 2019

4:00pm

Home Moravian Church, 529 S. Church St., Winston-Salem, NC

(note: this is a change of location) to celebrate the release of the new organ CD of the same name

by the Moravian Music Foundation. Free.

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www.moravianmusic.org

Calendar of November Music Events

Nov 10 Winston-Salem Community Band Fall Concert, Salemtowne in the Saal, 3:00pm. Free. www.weplay.ws

Nov 10 *Singstunde with the Moramus Chorale* – join us for hymns and anthems in the Moravian traditional Singstunde (hour of singing), celebrating our love for Christ and sharing our Moravian musical heritage: November 10 (Sunday), 4:00 p.m., Unity Moravian 8300 Concord Church Rd, Lewisville, NC

Nov 14 Lunchtime Lecture Series - November 14, “My Dear Miss Fries: The Correspondence of Archivist Adelaide Fries 1911-1949, Nicole Crabbe, lecturer. Moravian Archives & Moravian Music Foundation present free lectures for the public, held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 12:15 p.m. at the Archie K. Davis Center, 457 S. Church St. behind the PEC offices (Cedarhyrst). <https://moravianmusic.org/news-and-events/lunchtime-lectures/> 336-722-1742 or 336-725-0651

Nov 14 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.

Nov 16 Organ Recital by Mary Louise Kapp Peeples; Saturday, November 16 at 4:00pm, Home Moravian Church, 529 S. Church St., Winston-Salem, NC 336-722-6171, www.homemoravian.org ; Reception and release/signing of new MMF-produced CD, *Sing Hallelujah! Moravian Music for Organ* to follow in Fellowship Hall.

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Nov 19 Christmas Concert; Advent Hopewell Moravian Concert Band. Light-hearted concerts with audience interaction, we play band arrangements of popular Christmas music and Christmas carols. Approx. one hour and are free. The concerts start at 7pm. Tuesday November 19-Forsyth Court

Nov 21 Triad Community Band Concert (formerly, Bethabara Band); 7:00pm, Rural Hall Moravian Church, fellowship hall. Free. Please bring canned food donation.

Nov 26 Christmas Concert; Advent Hopewell Moravian Concert Band. Light-hearted concerts with audience interaction, we play band arrangements of popular Christmas music and Christmas carols. Approx. one hour and are free. The concerts start at 7pm. Tuesday November 26-Arbor Acres; held in the Berrier Building.

Submitted by Erik Salzwedel

For Your November Calendar

7.....PEC Meeting
14..... Lunchtime Lectures, 12:15 pm, Archie K. Davis Building
21.....PEC Meeting
28-29.....Thanksgiving Holiday, PEC Office Closed



Continuing Education Funds Still Available

Pastors are reminded of the opportunities to apply for additional funds for Continuing Education opportunities through the Bishop W. Herbert Spaugh Ministerial Educational Fund. The PEC will award individual grants up to \$1,500 to cover the cost of attendance (travel, registration and materials). This is on a “first-come-first served” basis. There are still budgeted funds available for 2019 . If you are interested in receiving an application, please contact me by telephone or by email:

dmarcus@mosp.org

Submitted by Dave Marcus, Assistant to the PEC President

Concerns and Celebrations

The Rev. Dr. **Henry May, Jr.**, age 87, entered the more immediate presence of the Savior Friday, Oct. 18, 2019. Henry served in ordained ministry for 33 years, including pastorates at Bethesda, Park Road, Trinity, Calvary, New Philadelphia, Little Church on the Lane (Charlotte, NC), and again at Trinity. He also provided leadership within the Southern Province and for community groups and ministries in the places he served. He was preceded in death by his wife; Bobbie Jean May, his son; John May, and his grandsons; John Henry May and Christopher David Sidden. He is survived by his sister; Joan Cress, his children; Elmon May Sr, Peter T. May , Mary M Sidden (Chris Sidden) , his grandchildren; Elizabeth Schaefer (Joshua Schaefer), Elmon May Jr, Stella May, Emma May, Emily Sidden, Grace May, Rachel May, and his great grandchildren; Cailen, Christopher, Micah, and Clementine. At his request, a private graveside service was held Monday, October 21, with the Rev. Chris Thore officiating. Please hold the May family in prayer as they grieve and give thanks for Henry's life and witness.

Linda Sieppel, former DCE at First Moravian, NC and Fairview Moravian, had a heart attack in October and underwent a procedure to have a stent inserted. Please remember Linda in prayer as she is at home recovering.

Ordination Anniversaries for November 2019

Jeffrey Coppage.....26 years
Lisa Mullen.....30 year
Russell Williams.....8 years
Stuart Zimmerman.....40 years
Rusty Rushing.....2 year

Congratulations and God Bless You!



BCM News November 2019

Register Now: Comenius Learning Series 2019

Moravian Faith Communities, Past and Future

Saturday, November 9th, 2019 | 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Hope Moravian Church

This year's Comenius Learning Series event focuses on how Moravians of the past were innovators in ways of "doing church" in their own time and how Moravians today can be innovators of reinventing the church in response to an ever evolving culture. The Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood, Professor of Moravian Theology at MTS, will discuss the past and the Rev. Andrew Heil, Associate pastor of Home Moravian Church, will discuss the future.

[Register here!](#)

This Advent Season: Tour de Putz

Sunday, December 15, 2019 | 2:00

p.m.- 5:00p.m. | Various Moravian Churches

The Putz (rhymes with “foots”) comes from the German word “putzen,” meaning “to decorate.” They illustrate Christ’s birth through illumination of miniature figures and scenes. Visit one or all of the following churches this Advent season and learn more about this long-standing Moravian tradition!

- 2:00-2:30: Hopewell (701 Hopewell Church Rd, Winston-Salem)
- 2:45-3:30: Konnoak Hills (3401 Konnoak Drive, Winston-Salem)
- 3:45-5:00: Unity (8300 Concord Church Rd, Lewisville)
- o 3:00: Community Moravian Christmas
- o 4:15: Putz Presentation
- o 4:30: Interactive Children’s Lovefeast

All ages are welcome!

Mark Your Calendar: Facilities Stewardship: Standing the Test of Time

Tuesday, January 14, 2020 | 6:00p.m.-8:30p.m. | Calvary Moravian Church

How can we better use our church building? What do we do with our aging building but shrinking budget? Interested in hearing how other Moravian churches have re-imagined the use of their church facility? Hear from members of Union Cross, Calvary, and Peace Moravian as they share their experiences and tools for effective facilities stewardship.

This event is perfect for members of the Trustees or unified board, Treasurers, Facilities Managers, Building and Grounds Teams, and others interested in learning about facilities stewardship.

Event is free, but registration is required if joining for dinner. Dinner served at 6:00p.m. followed by meeting and Q&A at 6:30p.m.

[Register here!](#)

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Event sponsored by the Board of Cooperative Ministries and Moravian Ministries Foundation.

Save the Date: Leadership Focus

Bloom! Using Our Gifts to Grow the Kingdom!

Saturday, February 22nd, 2020 | 9:00a.m.-2:00p.m. | Bethania Moravian Church
More information to come!

BCM YouTube: Monthly Playlist

November 2019: [Moravian History](#)

Interested in learning more about our Moravian history? Check out this month's [BCM Featured Playlist](#) showcasing videos about the Moravians and what makes us unique! Every month watch for our Featured Playlists, which highlight a specific collection of videos. You can watch the playlist at your leisure, soaking in all the valuable content! Make sure to check our weekly E-News, social media, and subscribe to our [YouTube channel](#) to be the first to know about the different videos!

Submitted by Hanna Cheek Jackson

PEC News for November

The PEC held regular meetings October 10 and 24. Keith Kapp joined the Oct. 10 meeting via conference call. Oct. 24 Tommy Cole was on vacation. The meetings included prayers for our pastors, church educators, provincial and interprovincial boards and their staff, and our congregations.

SYNOD / STRATEGIC DIRECTION

PEC responded to additional questions from the Provincial Organization Core Team (Resolutions 17 and 18); continued discussion of the location and dates of the 2022 Provincial Synod, and the formation of the planning committee for Synod; and received and responded to comments from pastors about the Sept. special edition of Provincial Ties regarding Resolution 14.

CHURCHES AND LEADERS

PEC arranged for one pastor to participate in a new church planter assessment interview; received Dave Marcus' report about ongoing contacts with potential candidates for ordination, and the current candidates in process; noted a meeting Guthrie and Marcus had with a Disciples of Christ pastor who is a trained intentional interim minister and open to service in the Province; approved a proposed schedule of quadrennial reviews for the winter/spring season, including: First (GA), Raleigh, Olivet, Friedberg, Mayodan, and the BCM; managed decisions and actions related to call processes: Little Church on the Lane, Bethania, Friedland, Rural Hall, Ardmore, Rolling Hills, Prince of Peace, and Union Cross; discussed and approved a process outline for congregations seeking to call a co-pastor (rather than a "senior" or Associate); affirmed a definition of and guidelines for supply preaching; met with board leaders of one congregation to consult about their options regarding church facilities; approved the appointment of Rachel Seckman as Church Educator at King;

considered a draft of policies and guidelines for part-time pastorates prepared by Paula Midkiff, HR Director (using materials from the 2018 Northern Province Synod as a reference); approved changes in the rules and regulations of two congregations; acted on recommendations from the Provincial Support Services Board on requests for Provincial share allocation relief by three congregations; and agreed to review the current (1998) policy on sexual misconduct for ordained pastors, using a more recent resource as a guide for possible changes.

BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

PEC noted the Interprovincial Faith and Order Commission anticipates finalizing the catechism materials in its Oct. 14-15 meeting and invited the Commission to consider the topic of a Moravian perspective on human sexuality. PEC discussed and planned for PEC participation in future meetings of the FL/GA RCC.

UNITY and ECUMENICAL

PEC appointed Judy Knopf to replace Jeff Copping as our liaison to the ELCA Church Council which meets twice yearly. Knopf will attend its November meeting. PEC reviewed a report from Neil Routh, of the Moravian Team for Reconciliation, on his participation in the Churches Uniting in Christ convocation in June.

OTHER MATTERS

PEC received copies of the “Discover Islam” documentary video series – a project supported by several Protestant denominations in the U.S.; discussed how we could better organize our work with particular attention to delegation with oversight; responded to the significant increase in health insurance premiums for 2020 by identifying reserve funds to help offset the cost borne by congregations and provincial boards; finalized plans for the annual joint meeting of the PECs to be held in Raleigh, NC Oct. 28-30; began discussion of policies and guidelines for travel expense reimbursement for provincial boards, agencies, commissions, etc.; discussed technology needs including: video conferencing equipment for the conference room at Cedarhyrst, and developing an online portal to be utilized by pastors, church boards, and various boards, commissions and working groups; and set a tentative schedule for PEC meetings in 2020.

PEC meets November 7 and 21.

Submitted by David Guthrie, PEC President

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