



# PROVINCIAL TIES

December 2019



— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

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## **Salem Congregation** **Watchnight Service and New Year's Holy Communion** **at Konnoak Hills** *December 31 and January 1* **11:15 p.m. – 12:15 a.m.**

On New Year's Eve, the Salem Congregation Watchnight Service moves to Konnoak Hills (3401 Konnoak Drive) with worship beginning at 11:15 p.m. preceded by a 20 minute band prelude. Andrew Heil, Associate Pastor of Home Moravian Church, will bring the Watchnight message. This year the New Year will be entered with a celebration of Holy Communion, replacing the customary Lovefeast shared in previous years.

Once again the band will interrupt the sermon at midnight to announce the New Year with the playing of "Now Thank We All Our God." This interruption is symbolic of the unexpected way the kingdom of God will break into our lives. All brass and wind musicians are invited to play.

Our thanks to the Konnoak Hills Congregation for hosting this marvelous way to enter a new decade.

## *PEC News for December*

The PEC met Nov 7 and 21. Nov. 7, Jeff Coppage and Judy Knopf were absent. All members were present Nov. 21. These meetings included sharing news and concerns from our pastor, church educators, congregations and provincial boards and agencies, and a time of intercessory prayer.

### **SYNOD / STRATEGIC DIRECTION**

PEC determined that the 2022 Provincial Synod will be held at Salem College, June 1-4, 2022; and discussed reorganizing the Resolution 14 Response / Resources Team.

### **CHURCHES AND LEADERS**

PEC reviewed a year-to-date report about funds provided through the W. Herbert Spaugh Fund to support approved candidates for ordination, continuing education for pastors, and continuing education events; responded to a pastor's questions about specialized ministry; received updates from three active and retired pastors about their status and ministries; and arranged for two persons in the "inquiry" stage of candidacy for ordination to meet with the PEC Dec. 18. PEC approved the extension of Worth Green's appointment as interim pastor of Fries Memorial; and continued work and meetings related to various call processes including: Fairview, Friedland, Little Church on the Lane, New Philadelphia, Prince of Peace, Rolling Hills, Rural Hall. PEC arranged for the installation of Rachel Seckman as Church Educator at King.

### **BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

PEC noted recent departures from the New and Emerging Ministries Team and approved the Team inviting three individuals to join in its work; identified three people to approach about filling the position of Moravian representative on the NC Council of Churches governing board as David Guthrie completes two terms on that board; and reviewed notes from the monthly meeting of the Moravian Team for Reconciliation. Judy Knopf and David Guthrie participated in the November meeting of the Board of Cooperative Ministries. Keith Kapp reported on the fall meeting of the Moravian Ministries Foundation in America. PEC received a report from the Archives Commission that they have approved a facilities use agreement with Salem Congregation that also includes the Moravian Music Foundation.

### **UNITY and ECUMENICAL**

PEC received a report from Judy Knopf who attended the ELCA Church Council meeting in Chicago as our Moravian liaison; and appointed Willie Israel to serve on the Lutheran Moravian Coordinating Committee as Kelly More completes her term. PEC noted receipt of an announcement for the 2020 Northern Province, Eastern District Synod to be held in June.

### **OTHER MATTERS**

PEC continued development of a "delegate with oversight" model of carrying out its Synod-assigned duties and its work, including: confirming plans to launch a Commission on Ministry, and discussing a Synod Planning and Implementation working group, and how best to task the Provincial Support Services Board with administrative and financial matters. PEC reviewed and commented on a draft Provincial Travel Policy; discussed how PEC communications (to pastors, boards and congregations) could be improved and managed; reviewed and discussed a report about the Church Aid and Extension Endowment Fund; and received a brief report about the Salem Academy and College Board of Trustees.

PEC meets December 5 and 18.

*Submitted by David Guthrie, PEC President*

## Archives News

December 2019

- December's Lunchtime Lecture will be Thursday, December 12 from 12:15 to 1:00pm in Spaugh Lecture/Recital Hall upstairs in our Archie K. Davis Center building. The talk: "Advent and Christmas Music," by Rev. Nola Reed Knouse, Ph.D., Director, Moravian Music Foundation. Come join us for some holiday spirit.
- Don't forget you can get Archives publications and Herrnhuter Moravian stars at our facility or by ordering online: <https://moravianarchives.org/bookstore/>
- The latest edition of our *Annotations* newsletter is in the mail and reminds friends and supporters of the Archives that there are two ways an end-of-the-year contribution can be especially helpful to the Archives this year. We are accepting annual gifts to the Dr. C. Daniel Crews Friends Fund to go towards our annual operating costs, and we have a projected need of over \$35,000 in 2020 in those funds. Secondly, we welcome gifts to our Special Projects Fund for Technology, as we are trying to raise \$20,000 for new computers, technology and software by June 30, 2020. The first \$5000 in gifts to our Tech Fund will be matched by the Greenfield Ministries Fund, and we have raised over \$3300 to date. You can give online at: <https://moravianarchives.org/friends/>
- The Archives and other members of the Moravian Studies Collaborative are working with The Humanities Institute at Wake Forest University to finish the program for the town-and-gown conference "Becoming American: Moravians and their Neighbors, 1772-1822," to be held April 15-18, 2020 at various venues around town. The Mellon Foundation-sponsored event features private research sessions and several public lectures, docent-led tours, and a cultural evening performance on the theme. A final keynote and public round-table summarizing the research sessions will conclude the conference. More information will appear online later this month at <https://humanitiesinstitute.wfu.edu/BecomingAmerican>

*Submitted by Eric Elliott, Archivist, Moravian Archives*



# Moravian Ministries Foundation

## Do you need a grant to help alleviate hunger and thirst in your community?

By Vince Holbrook

For the first time in our existence, your Moravian Ministries Foundation in America we will be making grants early next year to Moravian congregations, fellowships, ministries, or agencies. On August 1 of 2019, we launched the first Field of Interest Fund on the [Moravian Giving Portal](#). The idea was to simplify giving for Moravians of all means, according to their passions and calling. The [Hunger & Thirst Field of Interest Fund](#) was the first to allow donors to give generally to a cause. In this case, to make a gift that will address hunger and thirst in communities where Moravians have a presence. A Grant Advisory Team will make the funds available to ministries based on the merits of their grant applications. Your Moravian Ministries Foundation in America will be responsible for due diligence and monitoring to make sure the funds were used effectively as planned.

### How to apply for a grant

Since August, our Hunger & Thirst Field of Interest Fund has accumulated enough to make small grants (\$500 to \$1000). The deadline to apply for a grant is January 15, 2020. Grants will be awarded and funds dispersed on or around Valentine's Day (February 14, 2020). It's easy to apply. Just complete [this form](#) and send it to Vince Holbrook at the Moravian Ministries Foundation, 119 Brookstown Ave., Suite 305, Winston-Salem, NC 27101. Or email it to [vholbrook@mmfa.info](mailto:vholbrook@mmfa.info).

### Who should apply for a grant

Organizations that are affiliated with the Moravian Church in North America are the preferred grant recipients. This includes Moravian congregations, fellowships, emerging ministries, agencies and institutions. The Grant Advisory Team will review applications received by the deadline and make grants to the best projects with the funds available. Organizations may receive a grant from any given Field of Interest Fund once every three years. The Moravian Ministries Foundation in America will manage due diligence on granted funds. Recipients should plan to provide at least an annual report, including photos suitable for publication. Organizations that apply, but do not receive a grant, are encouraged to reapply for the next cycle.



## Lily Grant for Pastors Update

The research is clear. When ministers thrive, ministries thrive as well. And, among those things that support clergy thriving are opportunities for spiritual, professional, and theological growth and support.

That is why The Lilly Endowment, Inc., is investing more than half a million dollars in grant monies toward *Thriving in Ministry: Moravian Clergy Connections*, a pilot program designed for pastors in active service to ministries authorized by the PEC. The fastest and simplest way for clergy to access a share of grant funds is through one or both opportunities provided by the *OneToOne* project, the first of four projects to be rolled out during the 5-year term of the grant (2019-2023). Funding for *OneToOne* grants is available on a first-come basis.

(1) Grants up to \$1,000 per calendar year are available to reimburse expenses for continuing education, spiritual direction, and/or coaching. The Spaugh fund provides up to \$500 in additional funds, for a total of \$1500/person/year. Clergy might attend the annual Festival of Homiletics or work with a spiritual director. Grants are in addition to the continuing education funds provided by the congregation. Application and guidelines are available from Dave Marcus in the PEC office.

(2) In addition, tuition grants (audit or for credit) for courses through Moravian Theological Seminary cover up to 3 credits per person per calendar year as continuing education. Clergy already holding an MDiv might enroll for credit in the Seminary's Graduate Certificate in Spiritual Direction, or audit courses in missional engagement, prayer or discernment.

Significant discounts are available to alumni of the Seminary!

For spring 2020, there is still time to enroll in "Chronic Illness, Death and Loss," or brush up on "Moravian Worship and Polity," or study "World Religions" or "Theology from the Underside". Courses are available via the Zoom videoconference platform, which permits real-time participation from a distance with the professor and students in the classroom.

Course schedules and information are available at <https://www.moravianseminary.edu/academics/course-schedules/spring>. Contact Randy D'Angelo, Director of Enrollment, at [dangelor@moravian.edu](mailto:dangelor@moravian.edu).

For additional information on these or other aspects of the *Thriving in Ministry: Clergy Connections* program, contact Dr. Audrey West, *Clergy Connections Project Administrator* at [westa@moravian.edu](mailto:westa@moravian.edu) or 610-861-1456 (office).

*Submitted by Dave Marcus, Assistant to the PEC President*

## *For Your December Calendar*

5.....PEC Meeting  
6-8.....Moravian Mountain Christmas, LR  
7.....MMA Meeting  
18.....PEC Meeting  
24-25.....Christmas Holiday, PEC Office Closed  
26-30.....Winter Camp, LR



## *For Your Address Book*

The Rev. **Richard Spaugh** new address:  
4371 Johnsborough Court, Apt 51  
Winston Salem, NC 27104

The Rev. **Bob Peterson** new phone number:  
336.347.0343

## **Celebrations**

### *Ordination Anniversaries for December 2019*

Gerald Harris.....42 years  
Chris Thore.....21 years  
John Wilson.....59 years  
Jeff Jones.....7 years

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

## BCM News December 2019

### A Season in Song: Hymn Reflections for Advent

Advent is a time set aside each year to prepare for and celebrate the coming of Christ into the world. One of the ways Christians throughout the generations have celebrated Advent is through hymns, something that Moravians in particular hold very close to their hearts. To celebrate Advent this year, we want to share your stories!

**We invite you to record a short video of yourself talking about your favorite Advent hymn and why you love it.** Which hymn brings up special memories for you? What hymn or carol sums up what Advent or Christmas means to you? Please share with us lyrics of a hymn that moves you on a deep level and tell us why. **We will be spotlighting some of these reflections throughout the month of December on social media.**

For more information on how to submit your video, visit [MoravianBCM.org](http://MoravianBCM.org).

### #MoravianStar2019: Social Media Campaign

It's here! Advent has arrived!

This means, for us Moravians, many of us have our stars assembled and displayed! In the spirit of the season and fostering our Moravian unity, we'd like you to send us a picture of how you have your Moravian star displayed. If you feel led, include a description of what Advent/Christmas means to you as a Moravian Christian. This annual campaign has become one of the BCM's traditions as a Moravian agency. We hope that it will continue to evolve and provide us with new ways of exploring and promoting Moravian identity!

Post your star image on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram with the hashtag #MoravianStar2019 and tag @MoravianBCM. Don't forget to include your optional description of what Christmas means to you as a Moravian Christian!

For more information about the #MoravianStar2019 social media campaign, visit [MoravianBCM.org](http://MoravianBCM.org)





## 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)

3:00: Community Moravian Christmas

4:15: Putz Presentation

4:30: Interactive Children’s Lovefeast

All ages are welcome!

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## **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.

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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!](#)**

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

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## 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**

Leadership Focus provides opportunities for all Moravians to think, learn, and grow as a church in the 21st century. The Board of Cooperative Ministries is committed to enriching the growth of Moravians in the Southern Province, both clergy and laity. It is our hope that Leadership Focus will further support and strengthen the faith of our members by providing faith formation, mission outreach, religious education, and church development.

More information on Leadership Focus 2020 to come!

*Submitted by Hanna Cheek Jackson*

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## Moravian Music Foundation

### 2019-20 Lunchtime Lecture Series

*Moravian Archives & Moravian Music Foundation present*

### **Advent & Christmas Music**

**Nola R. Knouse, lecturer**

**12:15 pm; Dec. 12, 2019**

free to the public

held on the 2nd Thursday of the month, 12:15 p.m.

at the Archie K. Davis Center, 457 S. Church St., Winston-Salem, NC  
behind the PEC offices (Cedarhyrst); park in Salem Fine Arts Center lot.

<https://moravianmusic.org/news-and-events/lunchtime-lectures/>

336-722-1742 or 336-725-0651

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### **New CD of Moravian Organ Music**

*Sing Hallelujah!*

*Moravian Music for Organ*

**A must-have recording by Mary Lou Kapp Peeples!**

**[Click HERE for more info and To Order](#)**

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## DECEMBER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Dec 12 Lunchtime Lecture Series - December 12, *Advent and Christmas Music*, Nola Knouse, 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

**Dec 15 UNCSA Cantata Singers Holiday Concert** with guest instrumentalists; Sunday, December 15, 2019, 3:00 pm, Home Moravian Church, 529 S. Main St., Winston-Salem, NC. Free. <https://www.facebook.com/HMCMusicAtHome/>

*Submitted by Erik J Salzwedel*

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### ***Winter Journey Retreat at Laurel Ridge*** **January 24-26, 2020**

*Winter Journey* returns to Higgins Lodge, January 24-26. This weekend retreat offers opportunities for spiritual formation and personal growth in what is often regarded as a dormant season of the year. Participants will share fellowship, meals, and worship as a large group while breaking into three smaller program tracks. The retreat schedule is balanced between programmed and un-programmed time.

**Rick Sides** will lead a biblical studies track on **Whose World Is It Anyway? : A Living Faith for a Living Planet**. Rick is a retired Moravian pastor and environmental educator with a heart for helping people of faith build an inquisitive, loving and caring relationship with nature. **Ruth Cole Burcaw**, Executive Director of our Board of Cooperative Ministries will lead **The Path of Self-Discovery: Growing in Faith, Love, and Hope**, exploring personality and spiritual type as a way to enrich the journey of faith. **David Harold** will lead **Tai Chi: A Doorway to Embodying Christian Peace**. David, a 40-year practitioner of Tai Chi, will share how this ancient Chinese movement discipline can help us practice and embody some of the more challenging teachings of Jesus. **Fran Saylor**, Pastor of Mizpah Moravian Church, will serve as **Worship Leader** for the weekend.

Rate includes Tuition, Room, and 6 meals  
Single occupancy, per person \$260  
Double occupancy, per person \$160

A limited amount of partial scholarship assistance is available. Please contact Laurel Ridge for additional information or to register:

[www.laurelridge.org](http://www.laurelridge.org)  
[info@laurelridge.org](mailto:info@laurelridge.org)  
1 (888) 831-5922

*Submitted by John D. Rights*

## Candle Tea

The Home Moravian Church Women's Fellowship invites you to experience the sights, smells, and sounds of Christmas at this year's Candle Tea. Held in the Single Brother's House in Old Salem, the Tea includes singing carols, enjoying lovefeast coffee and Moravian sugarcake, watching as beeswax candles are made by hand, and viewing the *putz*, a replica in miniature of the town of Salem more than a century ago, and a Nativity scene as the Christmas story is read from Scripture.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$1 for children 12 and under. All proceeds, after expenses, are distributed to non-profit local and international agencies.

Candle Tea is open: Thursday, Dec. 5, Friday, Dec. 6, Thursday, Dec. 12, and Friday, Dec. 13 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. It is also open on Saturday, Dec. 7 and Saturday, Dec. 14 from 11:30 am until 8:30 pm. Anyone in line at 8:30 pm will be admitted so you have plenty of time to enjoy dinner before you head to Candle Tea!

For more information please visit [www.homemoravian.org](http://www.homemoravian.org) and click on the "Candle Tea" link, or phone the Home Church office at 722-6171.

We look forward to sharing the joy of Christmas with you and your family!

*Submitted by Laura Watson, on behalf of the Candle Tea Committee*

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