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March 2020



— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

Moravian Music Foundation

Moravian Music Events & Concerts

Mar 8 - The Vivaldi Project Trio - Acclaimed period instrument ensemble performing Moravian and non-Moravian music by Antes, Klausek, J.C. Bach, Beethoven; Sunday, March 8, 2020, 3:00 pm, Gray Auditorium, Old Salem Visitors Center, 900 Old Salem Rd., Winston-Salem, NC. Free.

<https://www.facebook.com/HMCMusicAtHome/> www.thevivaldiproject.org

Music on the Mountain a Moravian Music Weekend

March 13-15 2020, (Please Register by March 6)

Laurel Ridge Moravian Camp, Conference, and Retreat Center,
Laurel Springs, NC.

Choose to participate in either chorus or band; listeners always welcome!

Registration by contacting Laurel Ridge,
124 Pendry Dr., Laurel Springs, NC; 336-359-2951
or (888) 831-5922 or info@laurelridge.org

Sponsored by the Moravian Music Foundation www.MoravianMusic.org

Submitted by Erik J Salzwedel

From the Provincial Financial Office

2020 Budgets– If you have not submitted your church’s 2020 budget, we need it immediately. These were due on December 15, 2019, 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.

2019 Church Audits – Audit forms and instructions for performing the 2019 “audits” of churches have been emailed to all Church Treasurers and Trustee Chairs/Vice Chairs. The forms and instructions have also been placed on the mcsp.org website. Please make sure you use the 2019 year’s form and follow the directions closely. The audit is due April 15.

Submitted by Robyn Glance, CFO

Great Sabbath Singers Wanted

Under the direction of Drake Flynt, with Mary Louise Kapp Peeples as organist, the Great Sabbath Chorus will present a Great Sabbath Service of Music and Worship on Saturday, April 11.

Chorus rehearsals begin on Sunday, March 1 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Home Moravian Church. Sunday afternoon rehearsals will continue on March 8, 15, 22, and 29 and on Friday, April 3 at 7:30 pm.

Singers from all our churches are encouraged to sing. Community singers are also invited. The music this year will feature the Rutter Requiem.

Interested singers should email Ted Leinbach at tedleinbach@aol.com.

Submitted by Ted Leinbach for the Great Sabbath Committee

PEC News for March

The PEC met February 13 and 27 with all members present. Both meetings included prayers of thanksgiving and intercession for the work and witness of our congregations, pastors, church educators and Provincial leadership.

SYNOD / STRATEGIC DIRECTION

PEC approved a group of people to be contacted to serve on the Synod Planning and Implementation Team, and discussed preliminary plans for the June 2022 Synod; and continued work on reactivating the Resolution 14 Response /Resource Team. PEC received updates from the Provincial Organization Core Team about its work on Resolutions 17 and 18, and noted plans for regional gatherings to receive input from congregations.

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CHURCHES AND LEADERS

PEC began review and discussion of 2019 year-end reports from pastors and church educators; approved the election of two congregational acolytes at Union Cross; continued work on the various stages of call processes for: Bethania, Fairview, Friedland, Little Church on the Lane, New Philadelphia and Rural Hall; gave attention to three congregations in the areas of vitality, leadership, and plans for the future; and conducted or prepared for quadrennial reviews at Friedberg, Mayodan and Raleigh. PEC made arrangements for installation services for John G. Rights and Adam Goodrich (co-pastors, Friedland), Evette Campbell (Rolling Hills), and Dion Christopher (Prince of Peace). PEC updated our prayer and contact list for candidates, pastors, church educators, bishops and provincial leaders; and approved Chris Thore and Dave Marcus receiving training from the ELCA to conduct the assessment interview process for leaders for new and emerging ministries and congregational redevelopment. PEC met Feb. 27 via video conferencing with Frank Crouch, Dean of Moravian Theological Seminary to discuss the M Div. program and curriculum, developing training for provincial acolytes, and how our PEC may adjust educational requirements in light of the Seminary's reduction in the number of credit hours needed for the M Div. degree. PEC reviewed the guidelines for the Aldridge Education Fund which supports training and continuing education for church educators; approved using an online healthy boundaries training resource for pastors and church educators outside the Winston-Salem area; approved a one-time assistance grant for one pastor from the Pastoral Assistance Fund; and approved plans for a June 3 continuing education event for pastors which will focus on self-care. PEC received and began review of materials about the Lilly Foundation's Thriving Communities Grant Program, which focuses on supporting the development of congregations.

BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

PEC continued organizing its Commission on Ministry, and approved a 2020 schedule for meeting with provincial board and agency leaders. PEC reviewed a 2018 Synod proposal which was not voted on at Synod, but delivered to the PEC for possible action, and decided to form a Provincial Public Relations Committee.

INTERPROVINCIAL, UNITY and ECUMENICAL

PEC received the completed Catechism materials from the Interprovincial Faith and Order Commission which will be reviewed and approved (in cooperation with the Northern Province PEC) and distributed to pastors and congregations; and, received 100 copies of a book, "Our Moravian Treasures," prepared by the Task Force on Theological Education of the worldwide Moravian Church. Copies will be distributed to pastors and church educators. PEC accepted an invitation from the NC Synod of the ELCA to explore possible cooperation in developing a worshiping community in Winston-Salem associated with the efforts of the City with Dwellings organization. PEC agreed to send a delegate to the 2021 Assembly of the World Council of Churches, in Karlsruhe, Germany; and affirmed Betsy Miller, Northern Province PEC, representing both Provinces at a heads-of-communion meeting for Churches for Middle East Peace. PEC received a report from the February delegation to the Sierra Leone Mission Area for the purposes of organizing toward becoming a Mission Province.

OTHER MATTERS

PEC responded to an appeal by one congregation regarding their 2019 provincial share allocation, and requested information from another congregation regarding a similar request. PEC received an update on the PEC-designated Extension Endowment Fund, used for grants-in-aid to congregations and to support new church development. PEC reviewed income received from two funds established at the Moravian Ministries

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Foundation – one to provide support to candidates for ordained ministry, and another to support care for pastors and continuing education; and looked at data about income to the 2020 Provincial Budget. PEC reviewed draft materials related to the use and maintenance of church parsonages which were submitted by one congregation.

The PEC meets once in March, on the 12th, and resumes two meetings per month in April (2nd and 23rd).

Submitted by David Guthrie, PEC President

For Your March Calendar

5 - MMA Meeting
12 - PEC Meeting
13-15 Music on the Mountain, LR

2020 Days of Prayer

Wednesday March 11, 2020-Ardmore Moravian

Speaker: Rev. Daniel Dockery

9:45 A.M.-Coffee Hour

10:45 A.M.-Music

11:00 A. M. Worship, No nursery provided

Wednesday March 18, 2020-CALVARY MORAVIAN

Speaker: Rev. Adam Goodrich

9:45 A.M.-Coffee Hour

11:00 A.M.-Worship, Nursery Provided

Wednesday March 25, 2020-FAIRVIEW MORAVIAN

Speaker: Rev. Zachary Dease

10:30 A.M. Band Prelude

11:00A.M. Worship with Communion, Nursery Provided

Wednesday April 1, 2020 KONNOAK MORAVIAN

Speaker: Rt. Rev. Carol Foltz

11:00 A.M. -Lovefeast

April 5, Palm Sunday

April 9, Maundy Thursday

April 12, Easter Sunday

Submitted by Cindy Lamb

Concerns and Celebrations

Death:

Elizabeth Artis Wright Weber, the widow of the late **Rev. Herbert Weber**, passed into the more immediate presence of her Lord and Savior on Monday, February 17, 2020. She was 98 years old. A funeral for Artis was held at 11:00 am on Saturday, February 22 at Fairview Moravian, Winston-Salem, NC. Burial followed in God's Acre. Please continue to remember the Weber and Wright families in prayer.

Pastoral Change:

The **Rev. John G. Rights** and the **Rev. Adam Goodrich** have accepted calls to serve as co-pastors at Friedland Moravian Church. Brother Goodrich has been serving as associate pastor at Friedland since fall 2017. The installation service for both as co-pastors was held on Sunday, February 23, and Brother Rights joined Brother Goodrich in ministry on February 24. Please join in prayer for their ministry at Friedland.

Ordination Anniversaries for March 2020

Margaret Leinbach.....16 years
Zachary Dease.....7 years
Leslie Venable.....33 years

Congratulations and God Bless You!

BCM News March 2020

Just Released: VBS 2020 Resource Guide



"I viewed your videos and they were great! Thank you!"

"Bravo!! I just watched the video and it is terrific! What an incredibly helpful piece for congregations and VBS Directors. I didn't know anything about any of the curriculum and you gave such a great overview of content and tools that I felt like I had a good

grip on each one!"

This is just what a few educators have had to say about our VBS 2020 Resource Guide! [Check it out](#) for yourself to see which VBS option is best for your church.

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Register Today: 2020 Aging Well Conference

Saturday, April 18, 2020, 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. | Fairview
Moravian Church, Winston-Salem, NC

The Aging Well Conference features workshops to help people of faith approach aging with grace!



Workshops Topics:

Does God Cause Suffering? • Navigating Life as We Get Older
Ageism: Being Bold, Not Invisible • Yoga for Health and Longevity

Only \$15 | \$10 for pastors and educators

[Register today!](#)

BCM will “Reach Out & Read” for Lent



Moravians are trailblazers when it comes to reading and literacy. The first Moravians taught women and children to read in the 15th century, when it was dangerous and radical. Moravian Bishop Jon Amos Comenius, considered the Father of Modern Education, wrote the first picture book for children in the 17th century.

In keeping with this tradition, we have partnered with *Reach Out & Read*, a program of Imprints Cares! *Reach Out & Read* incorporates books into pediatric care, encouraging families to read together. They provide children’s books as a clinical tool in pediatric offices serving low-income families.

What can you do? Collect new and “like new” books for children of all ages during this season of Lent. Then, bring them to BCM’s offices at 500 South Church Street OR request a donation box for your congregation or organization and gather them there. Contact the BCM for more information about this program at bcm@mcsp.org or (336)722-8126.

Submitted by Hanna Cheek Jackson

Moravian Ministries Foundation

Five Wishes helps families and caregivers

By Vince Holbrook

Your Moravian Ministries Foundation in America is proud to partner with Five Wishes to provide you with the tools to develop a Living Will/Advance Directive. [Five Wishes](#) meets the legal requirements for an advance directive in the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. In these states, you can use Five Wishes to express how you want to be treated if you are seriously ill and unable to speak for yourself, using a document that is easy to understand. All you need to do is check a box, circle a direction, or write a few sentences. Once it is signed and witnessed (notorized), your Five Wishes is a legal document.

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If you live in Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, or Wisconsin, inquire about the additional, supplemental or alternative requirements for a legally-recognized advance directive.

Click this link to get your free electronic copy:

https://fivewishes.org/portal-home/five-wishes-online/claim-a-fwo-use-1?awd_customercampaignid=9867e149-800e-8e05-4db0-3fb01787679a

Paper copies are also available upon request from the Moravian Ministries Foundation in America, 119 Brookstown Ave., Suite 305, Winston-Salem, NC 27101. 336.725.2589

Archives News

March 2020

March Lunchtime Lecture will be Thursday, March 12 from 12:15 to 1:00pm in Spaugh Lecture/Recital Hall upstairs in our Archie K. Davis Center building. The talk, "Nurturing the Gardeners of Wachovia" by Archivist J. Eric Elliott, will mirror the themes of the new traveling exhibit opening in the Archives lobby that week. The three-exhibit series has been sponsored by the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Garden Club Council and the Old Salem Garden Club.

Bulletin inserts and remittance envelopes for Moravian Archives Sunday on April 26 will be distributed to congregations later in the month. Descriptions of the event are available now at the Archives website www.moravianarchives.org/archives-sunday. Please contact the Archives at moravianarchives@mcsp.org if you have any questions.

Archivist Elliott will be speaking at the evening meeting of the Forsyth County Genealogical Society on March 3, and hosts a tour group from that Society at the Archives on the morning of March 10. Davie County Master Gardeners visit the Archives to tour the new exhibit on the morning of March 18. Wake undergraduate scholars studying slavery in the Moravian community will be at the Archives the week of March 16, and guides from Bethabara Park visit us for an orientation on March 23. Our Archives Commission meets the evening of March 24.

Make plans to join us for the public events at the Mellon Foundation sponsored academic conference, "Becoming American: Moravians and their Neighbors, 1772-1822," to be held April 15-18, 2020 at various venues around town. You can reserve your participation at the public events of the conference through links at this website: <https://humanitiesinstitute.wfu.edu/BecomingAmerican>

Submitted by Eric Elliott, Archivist, Moravian Archives

248th Easter Sunrise Service

The 248th Easter Sunrise Service will be held on Sunday, April 12, 2020, beginning at 6:00 AM and will be led by The Rev. Chaz Snider, associate pastor of Calvary 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

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