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SALEM CONGREGATION

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Siblings in Christ,

We are in the midst of unprecedented challenges in our response to the COVID-19 pandemic. After prayer and discernment the Salem Congregation Central Elders have decided to conduct the 248th Easter Sunrise Service by live-stream only. The service will be live-streamed in its entirety from the Home Church sanctuary.

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We hope to incorporate views of God's Acre that will allow viewers to see the sunrise. We will still declare that "the Lord is risen!" We are asking you to join us in that proclamation by going to www.moraviansunrise.org at 6 a.m. on Sunday April 12th or tuning into WSJS for a live radio broadcast. A PDF of the Order of Service will also be available on www.moraviansunrise.org, www.salemcongregation.org, and the Salem Congregation Facebook page.

In addition to Easter morning changes, the Great Sabbath Service will not be held on Saturday April 11th. There will be a rebroadcast of the 2019 service at 7:00 p.m. on April 11th at www.homemoravian.org. In addition, this means there will be no band rounds Saturday night or Easter Morning band breakfast.

We are also making adjustments to grave cleaning. Churches and youth groups are not responsible for cleaning and flowering graves they were assigned this year. Salem Congregation will not be providing pots, flowers, cleaner, or supplies on Saturday, April 11th. If you come to clean family gravestones please bring all your own supplies, observe all guidance on remaining six feet apart from one another, and do not congregate in groups larger than ten. We encourage people to stagger their grave cleaning as much as possible.

This was a difficult decision and this Easter will be different for us all, but we have faith in a God who brings hope out of fear. So set your alarm, brew a cup of coffee, and join us on your back porch as we proclaim the resurrection of our Lord. As a way of remembering we are still a community we invite you that morning to take a picture of your sunrise and post it on social media with #Moraviansunrise. This year will be different, but in the years to come, when we look back, it will be clear that we boldly proclaimed the resurrection of our Lord. So may we all remain steadfast in the faith, love, and hope of our Wounded Savior, Jesus Christ

Grace & Peace,
The Rev. Chaz Snider
Chair of Salem Congregation Central Board of Elders

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Submitted by Bridget Smith



Sunnyside Ministry News for April

In times of crisis, war and human suffering, Moravians have been there to help. Today, we face a time different from anything we could imagine a year ago. Who among us would imagine a “stay at home order” being issued by the Mayor of Winston-Salem?



While our churches are not worshipping together in most cases, we are still at work in the world.

The photograph you see is the parking lot of Sunnyside Ministry of the Moravian Church. That photo was taken Tuesday March 24th on the second day of “drive-thru” assistance. On that day, 73 families received food from Sunnyside Ministry. The biggest day in our recorded history. We provided more food in the last two weeks of March than in a normal month. The week of March 23rd will be the biggest food distribution week in our history, serving more than 280 families with 750 people, more than 19,000 pounds of food. Sunnyside Ministry is one of the largest food pantries in Forsyth and Davidson Counties.

During this time, some agencies have decreased hours and services and Sunnyside Ministry has seen a dramatic increase due to some of these closings.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

Think about food drives. Konnoak Hills is having a Sunday Morning worship time drive thru donation time. Members of Pine Chapel are bringing food to one home where that family gathers the food and brings it to Sunnyside Ministry.

We also received a donation via UPS delivery. A family placed an order on Costco.com and had the food delivered directly to us.

The other option is that individuals may make a financial contribution to Sunnyside Ministry at sunnysideministry.org

One question that has been raised is can Sunnyside Ministry operate under the “stay at home order” from the City of Winston-Salem. The answer is yes. Section IIA3 which addresses Essential Businesses and Operations reads:

“Organizations that provide charitable and social services. Businesses and religious and secular nonprofit organizations, including food banks, when providing food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals, individuals who need assistance as a result of this emergency, and people with disabilities.”

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Sunnyside Ministry takes the ongoing health crisis seriously. We also know, based upon those we see daily, that many in our community would go to bed hungry without our help.

We remember these words from the Unity Statutes of 1464:

“For if all faithful Christians were united in love, and each one did study to bear the other’s burden, the commandment of Christ would be fulfilled.”

The final request is that you pray for Sunnyside Ministry; the health and safety of those serving here and for those served by this ministry.

Submitted by David Holston, Director

PEC News for April

The PEC held a regular meeting March 12 and a called meeting (conference call) March 19, with all members participating. The March 12 meeting included sharing from annual reports from pastors and church educators, and a time of intercessory prayer for our congregations and Province.

SYNOD / STRATEGIC DIRECTION

PEC took steps to organize and invite individuals to serve on the Synod Planning and Implementation Team; and received a report from the first meeting of a recently reorganized team to continue response to 2018 Synod resolutions 13 and 14. PEC noted that the regional meetings planned by the Provincial Organization Core Team (Resolutions 17 and 18) were very likely to be postponed due to the situation with COVID-19 in NC and FL.

CHURCHES AND LEADERS

PEC met with Christy Clore, transitional pastor at Kernersville, for an update about the congregation; had an initial conversation with one individual beginning candidacy for ordination and affirmed their taking next steps, and discussed a report about five other individuals at the inquiry stage of candidacy; received reports regarding two pastors from an initial assessment process for potential leadership of new and emerging ministries; approved a request for a 2021 sabbatical leave for one pastor; and made plans for “Pastor to Pastor” online conversations in March and April. PEC continued steps in the call process for: Bethania, Fairview, Little Church on the Lane, New Philadelphia and Rural Hall; and received reports from the Quadrennial Review at Raleigh, from a PEC meeting with one church board about congregational needs, and scheduled an additional similar meeting with another congregation. PEC continued discussion of an opportunity for grants from the Lilly Foundation in their “Thriving Congregations” initiative.

BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

PEC received a report that 5 individuals have agreed to serve on the Commission on Ministry and a 6th individual is being invited; and received a progress report on the formation of a Public Relations Committee. PEC received and discussed reports and analyses from the Provincial Support Services Board about the 2020 Provincial Budget and Provincial finances in general.

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INTERPROVINCIAL, UNITY and ECUMENICAL

PEC met with three representatives of the NC Synod of the ELCA to discuss an opportunity to partner in support of an emerging ministry to our neighbors who are homeless in the Winston-Salem area. PEC approved the new Catechism materials, with suggested editorial changes. Publication is pending approval by the Northern Province PEC.

OTHER MATTERS

The March 19 conference call meeting of the PEC dealt primarily with communications to pastors and churches in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as advice that may be needed to congregational leaders regarding church finances as the coronavirus outbreak continues.

The PEC meets in April on the 2nd and 23rd.

Submitted by David Guthrie, PEC President

For Your April Calendar

2 - PEC Meeting (*conference call*)

23 - PEC Meeting (*conference call*)



News about the Interprovincial Ministers Convocation

- Plans are moving forward for next year's Interprovincial Moravian Ministers Convocation. Put these dates in your calendar: **June 1-4, 2021.**
- You'll be receiving much more information as the event approaches, but for now we are near to announcing a most pleasant location for our time together
- We don't have a speaker announcement to make yet, but until then, here is what we'd like you to do ...

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- Think about workshops. What would you like to lead? What do you know you do well, that you'd like to share with your colleagues? This could include things like yoga, hymn-writing, creative worship planning, beading, crocheting, hiking, guided reflection on a scripture passage, meditating
- Think about workshops. What would you like to attend? What would help you in your ministry?
- Don't just think about these things; tell us what you are thinking! Please contact Nola at nknouse@mcsp.org with your ideas, no matter how silly they may seem to you.
- Think about what you bring to the event. How will your being at the convocation bring blessing to the rest of us? This doesn't have to be a workshop or a specific thing you do; what is it that you are that blesses those near you
- We are all looking forward to sharing this time with you, in worship, in listening to a speaker, in quiet, and in joy-filled times of fellowship and learning.
- Until then, be well, in body, mind, and spirit. And the peace of Christ enfold each of you in your ministry.

From the planning committee: Adriana Craver, Rebecca Craver, James Heroux, Nola Knouse, Michael Johnson, Fran Saylor, Craig Troutman, and Audrey West

Moravian Music Foundation

Moravian Music Foundation News

Following CDC guidance, both NC and PA are increasing restrictions on groups and businesses in an effort to limit the spread of Covid-19 virus. Therefore, the Winston-Salem MMF offices will be closed after 4:30pm Friday, 3/27/20. [more info](#) Business will continue online:

We will have remote connectivity and will be happy to communicate through emails:

info@moravianmusic.org

sales@moravianmusic.org

or directly to each staff member's [contact info](#)

CALENDAR

MMF has no events, lectures, workshops, or concerts planned during April, 2020. Please join us on [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#).

GREAT SABBATH

April 11 - Great Sabbath Service of Music will be ONLINE!

A rebroadcast of the 2019 Great Sabbath Service available on the Home Church [website](#) on Saturday, April 11 at 7:00pm; featuring Gabriel Fauré's **Requiem** in D minor, Op. 48, composed 1887-1890. Sponsored by Salem Congregation.

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Looking Ahead:

Moravian Music Sunday

On this day, set aside to acknowledge our Moravian musical heritage, we lift our hearts and our voices in praise and thanksgiving. Recognizing that music is a means of proclaiming the Gospel, we celebrate Moravian Music Sunday on the fifth Sunday of Easter, which, in 2020, is **May 10**.

In light of current guidelines surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic, you may want to consider a date later this year for your Moravian Music Sunday! This page and shared resources will remain active throughout 2020. Easily planned, with provided [resources and materials](#), for every part of a worship experience for your congregation.

May 17 - Pastoral Perfection Concert: Beethoven's Sym. No. 6, Pastoral, with members of the Winston-Salem Symphony. 5:00pm, Recital Hall, Moravian Music Fdtn, 457 S. Church St., Winston-Salem, NC.

PLEASE NOTE: This event is tentative and subject to change/rescheduling once we can assess the impact of Covid-19 guidelines and restrictions for May. MMF is currently delaying the sale of tickets for this event. Please stay tuned.

[SPECIAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE](#)

Interprovincial Board of Communication (IBOC) is working with MMF to provide resources for churches moving to livestreaming their worship services.
We recorded quite a few hymns and other music just this week!

[LITURGIES](#)

Please visit moravianmusic.org and moravian.org for links, as more of these unique resources become available.

The Board of Cooperative Ministries ([BCM](#)) is offering a range of resources. Click on "[Covid-19](#)" for electronic and other special resources for this time.

Music to Enjoy While Separated From Each Other

[Click here](#) for the MMF YouTube [Channel](#), full of free videos of lectures, music, music education, instrumental instruction, and concerts.

Submitted by Erik J Salzwedel

Concerns and Celebrations

Birth:

Congratulations to **Jim and Victoria Ane Lasley** who have welcomed their 2nd child. Their son, Jameson Grady, was born Friday evening on March 6th. Jameson weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. Continue to keep Jameson, big sister Sadie and the parents in your prayers.

Death:

Dorothy Grubbs Burkette, wife of **The Rev. David R. Burkette**, entered the more immediate presence of the Savior on Jan. 2, in Johnson City, TN, at the age of 94. Her career was in administrative work, including serving many years as bookkeeper in the Provincial Treasurer's Office. After a family graveside service in Salem God's Acre, a memorial service was held at Calvary Moravian Church, Winston-Salem, at 11:00 a.m., Monday, January 6. Dorothy is survived by her husband The Rev. David R. Burkette, and their sons, Dr. Gary Burkette (Melissa) of Johnson City, and the Rt. Rev. Dr. D. Wayne Burkette (Nancy) of Pfafftown, NC. The PEC regrets the delay in sharing this via Provincial Ties.

Ordination Anniversaries for April 2020

Phil Bauguess.....45 years
Wayne Byerly.....23 years
Cheryl Cottingham.....10 years
Richard Spaugh.....53 years
Riddick Weber.....18 years

Congratulations and God Bless You!



Moravian Ministries Foundation

Funding God's work: A call for grant applications
By Vince Holbrook

Thanks to the generosity of donors to the new Moravian Field of Interest Funds, your Moravian Ministries Foundation in America (MMFA) is now in a position to make grants for ministries that provide:

- Clothing
- Housing & shelter
- Healing & health
- Prison ministry



On Valentine's Day, MMFA awarded [13 grants](#) totaling \$6,500 to ministries associated with feeding the hungry. This new grant cycle focuses on areas of ministry where the core purpose is not providing food.

Application & Timing

“We encourage US Moravian congregations, agencies, fellowships, and ministries to apply for grants to support their work aligned with Jesus' Parable of the Sheep and Goats from Matthew 25,” said MMFA President & CEO Chris Spaugh.“

The first step in making an application is to schedule a consultation with Chris Spaugh. His email address is cspaugh@mmfa.info. His office phone number is 336-725-2589. If your project meets the basic criteria, Chris will provide you with an application. The consultation should assist you in making the strongest application to the most relevant fund for your project.

The deadline to submit a completed grant application is June 1, 2020. The [Grant Advisory Team](#) will review the applications, along with any supporting materials, and make recommendations. MMFA will announce grant awards on July 6, 2020 (anniversary of the martyrdom of Jan Hus). The funds will also be provided to the recipients at that time.

[Click here to continue reading.](#)

Archives News

April 2020

The Moravian Archives staff will be in the office infrequently the next few weeks as we work increasingly from home. We will remain closed to the visiting public for the upcoming weeks. We will check emails often, however. Phone calls to the office may take longer to be answered. We are reduced to one staff member in at moment. Please direct inquiries for Daily Texts and other urgent information requests to Archivist Eric Elliott directly at his email eelliott@mcp.org or his personal cell 980-267-2752. He, or Assistant Archivist Nicole Crabbe once she returns, will try to answer your request for information within the day. Follow Archives updates daily at our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Moravian-Archives-Winston-Salem-NC-222812601157989/>

Submitted by Eric Elliott, Archivist, Moravian Archives

BCM News for April 2020

Life has changed dramatically within the last month and we are all adjusting to a new “normal.” While unprecedented and frightening in many ways, this situation also presents a significant opportunity for the church at this moment to be present and to embody the life and vitality of the gospel in our communities.

The BCM has been working hard to provide a [range of resources and strategies](#) as congregations move online. Below you will find opportunities we are currently offering, and make sure to [subscribe to our E-News](#) to be in the loop of all BCM activities.

We Are Offering

Virtual Office Hours

Tuesdays and Thursdays | 1:00PM-2:00PM
Connect virtually in this space to ask questions, explore ideas, hear responses and share resources about managing your congregation's and your ministry response to this pandemic. Look for appearances from a variety of Moravian ministry leaders.

[Click here](#) to join us for our virtual office hours.

Free Online Training



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Keeping the Faith at Home During Troubled Times | Thursday, April 2, 2020 | 4:00PM-5:00PM

Parents are stressed to the max right now! With having to work from home and becoming homeschool teachers overnight, faith formation might not be an easy thing to incorporate. However, it is important to make time for this, to help calm anxiety and create a sense of normalcy. Four Moravian educators will share ideas of simple things you can do at home, including Easter activities!

[Click here to register](#) for Keeping the Faith at Home During Troubled Times.

COMING SOON: Livestreaming Tips & Troubleshooting

Your congregation may consider livestreaming online worship where the online audience is the sole focus. But is the thought of livestreaming overwhelming? Join Mike Riess, IBOC Executive Director, and Austin Craver, BCM Technical Production Coordinator, as they walk you through how to set up and troubleshoot your livestream.

For a complete list visit MoravianBCM.org, we will be updating it as programs become available.

Church No Matter What

God has promised to be with us and guide us, NO MATTER WHAT. Let's be the church, no matter what. Here are a few upcoming opportunities for spiritual growth in these difficult times:

Write Your Own Spiritual Autobiography | Thursdays, March 26-April 16, 2020 | 4:00PM-5:00PM

Explore and experience the Moravian tradition of writing a lebenslauf in four sessions. Moravians wrote the story of their own journey with God often around mid-life. In our Moravian Archives in the Southern Province, more than 14,000 memoirs of Moravians from 1753 to present are stored, including a number of lebenslauf written by a church member. Count Zinzendorf suggested that writing a spiritual biography is making the "invisible church visible." You do not need to consider yourself a writer to participate in this workshop, and you may find reflecting on how God has worked in your life a thoughtful Lenten practice. Led by Kay Windsor, author and member of New Philadelphia Moravian Church.

[Click here](#) to register for Write Your Own Spiritual Autobiography.

COMING SOON: The Daily Essentials

A way to connect with each other, support one another, and build community. This Monday-Friday Zoom video chat will feature a brief devotion, intercessory prayer, and even some music. If you are willing to contribute your gifts to these daily devotions, please email Rusty Rushing of Peace Church Charlotte.

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Looking for Other Ideas and Resources During COVID-19?

BCM is continuously working to gather the most up to date resources during the COVID-19 outbreak. To view all the current information, including webinars, worship opportunities, faith formation while "social distancing" and much more, visit MoravianBCM.org.

If moving completely online is difficult, we can help! We have assembled a team of "technology disciples" who are willing to assist! [Simply fill out this form](#) and we will get you in contact with someone!

Submitted by Hanna Cheek Jackson

Technology Changes in Cedarhyrst and the Province

Over the past few months, we have been upgrading our technology in the Cedarhyrst building. We have had a wide screen television, computer, and high definition camera installed into the conference room in Cedarhyrst. In addition three speaker conference phones have been installed in the Cedarhyrst conference room, Bahnsen Conference Room (BCM building) and the Conference Room of the Davis building. We were able to accomplish many of these tasks thanks to the generous contributions of an individual in our province. During this COVID-19 pandemic that has been ongoing, this technology has been incredibly helpful for us as we continue our ministry together virtually.

The last phase of technology upgrades is now complete. This involved moving to fiber optic cable with Spectrum to help improve the Internet speed and quality of our bandwidth throughout our Provincial offices located in Old Salem. In switching over to the fiber optic cable with Spectrum we have had to create new IP addresses. While we should not have any issues sending or receiving emails, your email providers and servers might not recognize this new IP address and send our communications into your "Spam" folders. Spectrum is working on this issue on our behalf and we are hopeful this will not become an issue going forward. If our communications however become part of your spam, hopefully a simple fix of unmarking these communications as spam will be all that is needed. If this is not the case, please contact your Internet provider or IT team and they should be able to get our communications recognized once again. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

Submitted by The Rev. Dr. David A. Marcus, Jr., Assistant to the President of the Provincial Elders' Conference

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