



PROVINCIAL TIES May 2020



— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

Sunnyside Ministry News for May

For more than a month, it has been anything but business as usual at Sunnyside Ministry. Considered an essential business under the “stay at home” order, we continue to provide food for a hungry community. Sunnyside Ministry has also been helping families effected by job loss and loss of income due to the “stay at home” orders. Sunnyside Ministry has seen an increase of over 70% in the number of food orders provided to families. We are seeing people every day that tell us they have never needed this type of help before. We know that it’s because many of them work as waiters and waitresses, hair stylists, or in retail sales. We have seen professionals who are dental assistants and office workers, who have been furloughed and asking for help for the first time as well.

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The community that Sunnyside Ministry serves is one of the most impoverished in the state of North Carolina. According to the UNC School of Government, it is the fifth most depressed urban area in the state. Many have seen gains in recent years, primarily working in the service industry, but now they find themselves again in need of food as their hours have been cut. We have seen several single mothers who work as hair stylists, who have been out of work for over a month and for most, getting unemployment has been a slow process.

We have seen several wonderful outpourings of generosity and have been able to feed a large number of people, far more than we normally do because of the generosity of this community.

We know we are not finished. We need your continued support over the next weeks or months as we serve Christ by being his hands and feet in the world.



Maggie Whitesell, a Sunnyside Ministry Scholar employee (part of a group of four working during these remarkable times) moves food orders on a rainy day. Rain or shine, Sunnyside Ministry is distributing food.

Submitted by David Holston

Moravian Ministries Foundation



In all things, love

Over the past several weeks, many of the things we value at our local churches, such as worship, Christian Education, and fellowship, have changed in dramatic ways. But the Good News of God found in Jesus Christ has not, nor has our commitment to our communities of faith, their missions, and one another. As a reminder, because of our provincial structure, a gift to your local congregation supports shared ministries like camps, missions, communications, etc.

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In addition to supporting your local congregation in this present moment through the [Moravian Giving Portal](#), consider ways to help over the longer term too.

One especially flexible way you might consider supporting your congregation is to include a charitable contribution in your [estate plans](#), a gift that you will leave as you enter into the more immediate presence of our Lord. This can be as simple as adding a beneficiary designation to a bank or other financial account, or may involve adding [bequest language](#) in your [will](#). One distinct advantage of this kind of gift is that you can easily make changes any time your circumstances require.

We can discuss with you an estate gift and other [tax-smart ways](#) to adapt your charitable giving and accommodate your changing financial circumstances, including gifts that can provide income to you or others. When you are ready, we will be here to help you shape a [charitable gift plan](#) that suits your needs and the needs of your local congregation.

On behalf of the many people who will benefit from your gifts, we thank you for your generous support and steadfast obedience to God's call. We hope we can continue to be your partner as we move ministries forward, together. Please call Chris Spaugh at 336-725-2589 or email him at cspaugh@mmfa.info.

[Click here to read the whole story.](#)

Submitted by Vince Holbrook

Concerns and Celebrations

Death:

Sue Southern White, wife of the late **Rev. Keith White**, passed into the more immediate presence of her Savior at Kate B. Reynolds Hospice, April 6, 2020, at the age of 73. Due to the coronavirus, a family grave-side service was conducted at Advent Moravian Church, led by the Rev. Dr. Tim Sapp, and Pastor David Berrier. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Please hold Sue's family and the Advent congregation in prayer.

Ordination Anniversaries for May 2020

Matthew Allen.....22 years
Craig Atwood.....33 years
Ted Burcaw.....34 years
William Campbell.....58 years
Daniel Crews.....50 years
Lehoma Goode.....30 years
William Gramley.....58 years

Samuel Gray.....24 years
David Merritt.....38 years
Robert Peek.....21 years
Jon Peterson.....40 years
Robert Sawyer.....53 years
Richard Sides45 years
Carl Southerland.....44 years
Chaz Snider.....3 years

Congratulations and God Bless You!



BCM News for May 2020

BCM News

The BCM has been working hard to provide a [range of resources and strategies](#) as congregations continue their ministry in a virtual and online format. 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.

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.

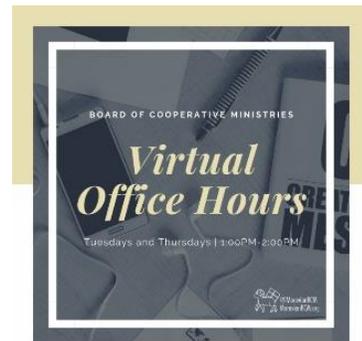
[Click here](#) to join us for our virtual office hours.

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:

Future Webinars | Stay Tuned



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- [The Moravian Experience: Planning Your Spiritual Journey](#) | Wednesday, May 6 at 3:00 EDT
- [A Vision for Our New Normal: An Easter Invitation](#) | Wednesday, May 13 at 3:00 EDT
- **Going Virtual: Creating Engaging Experiences Online** | Coming Soon

Do you have a topic you would like discussed in a webinar? Email the BCM with ideas to propose!

Webinar Recap | Looking Back

- [Beyond Listening: Mental Health Resources for Moving Forward](#)
- [Approaching Light: Caring for Our Souls Through Trauma](#)
- [Keeping the Faith at Home During Troubled Times](#)
- [How to Host a Zoom Meeting \(Basic and Advanced Tips\)](#)
- [Reviewing Online Resources with IBOC](#)



Looking for Other Ideas and Resources During COVID-19?

The BCM has gathered and created 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. You can also stay connected with what the BCM has going on through our social media sites.

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!

Save the Date: Children's Festival & Lovefeast Sunday, August 16, 2020 | 2:00pm-5:00pm | Saint Philips 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!

Submitted by Hanna Cheek Jackson



For Your May Calendar

14 - PEC Meeting (*conference call*)

28 - PEC Meeting (*conference call*)



Archives News

May 2020

VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS. A Monday-Thursday opportunity during our pandemic closure to ask a question, inquire about memoirs and family history, or get guidance on the use of our online materials. From 11am until noon, a member of the Archives staff will be available to chat with anyone in an open face-to-face Zoom meeting about any research or information question. The Archives building remains closed to visitors and staff will be working from remote locations through May, unless restrictions are lessened at the direction of the State and the PEC. The standing address for the meeting is at this URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85663671981> Meeting ID: 856 6367 1981 Pastors needing daily texts and other material can continue to contact us through our email at moravianarchives@mcsp.org

ARCHIVES SUNDAY TO BE RESCHEDULED. Due to restrictions on social gatherings in place because of the pandemic, the Archives Sunday celebration originally set for April 26 will be moved to a date to be determined.

MAY LUNCHTIME LECTURE. On May 14 at 12:15pm the Moravian Music Foundation will post a lecture by Dave Blum, Research Librarian, on YouTube. In this video, Mr. Blum will explore the many unique publications and arrangements and editions (many first editions) of Beethoven's music in the archival holdings of the Moravian Church in Winston-Salem and Bethlehem, PA.

PHOTO CONTEST: MORAVIANS DOCUMENTING THE 2020 PANDEMIC. Between now and May 31, we invite all Southern Province Moravians to send in photos in three different categories: 1) displaying a Moravian star or other symbol of light during this uncertain time; 2) how you celebrated church community with us during this time of social distancing; and 3) ways the pandemic has changed daily life for you and yours – masks, online schooling, things you did during this time to help others in need – whatever. Winners will be announced June 3, and each category winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate towards any merchandise or publication sold by the Archives. We will share samples of submissions as we all get through this together. Contest Rules: All photos should be sent by email to moravianarchives@mcsp.org. Each photo should be described as to what it is, where it was taken, and who is in the picture.

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You may submit up to three photos in each category. Images should be no less than 150 dpi in resolution, and preferably 300 dpi. By submission, you affirm that the Moravian Archives has the right to store, use and own fully your image(s), and that you are the photographer of the image(s) and have the right to give such rights to the Archives. Images may be reproduced or sold by the Archives at a later date.

Submitted by Eric Elliott, Archivist, Moravian Archives

Mission Awareness Dinner

The Mission Awareness Dinner scheduled on June 7, 2020 at Olivet Moravian Church has been cancelled. The Directors of the Mission Society will make assessments of the COVID-19 status to discern any potential for having the Dinner, possibly in a virtual format. Look for updates about future plans.



Submitted by Sheila Beaman

Moravian Music Foundation

Music continues to fill our lives with joy and reassurance.

The Board and staff of the Moravian Music Foundation want to assure you that we are here and continuing our mission:

MMF staff members are working remotely from home and using Zoom for meetings.

The best way to reach us is by email: *[first name]@moravianmusic.org*

MMF is PRESERVING the delicate treasures of the past:

- Vaults are secure and climate controlled;
- Research and the work of Gemeinkat online digital cataloging continues.

MMF is SHARING music:

- Sheet Music and recordings may be ordered online, and, we ship weekly.
- We are creating new video and website content.
- We are supporting churches with resources, music, and guidance.

There is plenty to CELEBRATE, if we continue to open ourselves to the possibilities provided by the internet and offer music and resources in new and creative ways. Music brings joy to all of our hearts and smiles to our faces, and creates unique connections from afar that we never imagined.

While the **Lunchtime Lecture Series** and other in-person educational offerings are on hold, MMF continues to share lecture videos and concert videos on

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moravianmusic.org and our **YouTube Channel** (*Moravian Music Fndn*) *Notes from Nola* are also a wealth of information, freely provided on www.moravianmusic.org

We have uploaded several MMF CDs, and continue adding more, to **your favorite music-streaming services**. Look them up!

While Moravian congregations have grappled with new worship arrangements, MMF has energetically and creatively assisted with resources, counsel, music and recordings, copyright advice, and other consultations with Church leadership and the Interprovincial Board of Communication.

EVENT & CONCERT UPDATES – more details at moravianmusic.org

- Dave Blum will present the **May Luchtime Lecture on Beethoven editions in the MMF holdings**. It will be recorded ahead and premiered at 12:15pm on May 14.
- We have postponed the **May 17 chamber music concert, *Pastoral Perfection***, featuring Winston-Salem Symphony musicians performing Beethoven’s Sym. 6 “Pastoral” for string sextet. Watch for a rescheduled date.
- **Unitas Chorale and Moramus Chorale** spring concerts have been canceled
- **Moravian Music Sunday** (May 10) is now encouraged for another Sunday, later in the year. **Nola Knouse and Gwyn Michel** will hold a special service featuring Moravian music on May 17 on *Moravian Church Without Walls* (go to moravian.org and click on the “star” for online worship opportunities)
- We continue to plan and develop resources for the 26th Moravian Music Festival in Bethlehem, PA, July of 2021.

www.moravianmusic.org

Submitted by Erik J Salzwedel

PEC News for May

Using video conferencing, the PEC held regular meetings April 2 and 23, and a called meeting April 30, with all members participating, except for Jeff Coppage on April 23. The April 2 and 23 meetings included joining the “Pastor to Pastor” video conference meetings.

SYNOD / STRATEGIC DIRECTION

Betsy Bombick, Chris Thore and Zach Dease of the Provincial Organization Core Team met with PEC April 23 to discuss the status of the Team’s work and adjusted plans due to the COVID-19 pandemic. PEC received a report from the Resolution 14 Response Team which is developing a conversation format for small group discussions. The PEC reviewed a final description of the organization and responsibilities for the Synod Planning and Implementation Team and the Synod Planning Committee. These are expected to begin preparations for the 2022 Synod in mid-summer.

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CHURCHES AND LEADERS

PEC approved Church Educator certification for Jami Vandock (Raleigh); responded to a question from a congregation regarding the observance of Holy Communion; discussed assigning a presbyter mentor for a recently-ordained deacon; met with one pastor who completed the behavioral interview process for new church development; and discussed ways to support two other pastors in their current ministry. The PEC continued steps in call processes for: Bethania, Fairview, New Philadelphia and Rural Hall; and agreed to continue call process and other meetings using video conferencing, giving church boards the option of delaying meetings until they could be face-to-face.

BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

The newly-organized Commission on Ministry held its first meeting April 22. PEC discussed the communication and congregational support efforts of the Board of Cooperative Ministries and the Interprovincial Board of Communication, especially for use of technology for worship and meetings; and discussed activating plans for a Public Relations Commission to support PEC communications to leaders and members of our congregations.

INTERPROVINCIAL, UNITY and ECUMENICAL

PEC received a letter from Danielle DeNise, Director for Evangelical Mission, ECLA NC Synod, regarding partnership with the ELCA in an emerging ministry with homeless neighbors in Winston-Salem. Dave Marcus and Chris Thore participated in training with the ELCA for conducting the behavioral interviews for new church developers and congregational redevelopment. PEC noted the need to appoint members to the planning team for the 2021 interprovincial Young Adult Convo; and, that the planning team for the Interprovincial Ministers Convocation decided not to postpone this 2021 event. PEC discussed ways the PEC in the Northern Province has responded to and communicated about the COVID-19 pandemic; and, noted that the 2020 Northern Province District Synods have been rescheduled for 2021, with District Presidents remaining in office until Synods can elect successors. Guthrie briefed the PEC on an upcoming meeting of various partners (the world-wide Unity, Board of World Mission, churches in Canada and Sweden) regarding needs in the Nicaragua Province; and of flooding in Eastern Congo Unity Mission Area. Guthrie updated PEC on the work of Christian Churches Together in the USA, and noted that the 2020 United Methodist Church General Conference has been postponed until sometime in 2021.

OTHER MATTERS

PEC reviewed and discussed several financial matters including: the staffing and work of the Provincial Finance Office; the status of applications for loans from the Small Business Administration Payroll Protection Program; and congregational and provincial finances in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The PEC meets May 14 and 28.

Submitted by David Guthrie, PEC President

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