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June 2020



— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

Moravian Music Foundation

Music continues to fill our lives with joy and reassurance.

The Board and staff of the Moravian Music Foundation continue the 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*

While the **Lunchtime Lecture Series** and other in-person educational offerings are on hold, MMF continues to share lecture videos and concert videos on **moravianmusic.org** and our **YouTube Channel** (*Moravian Music Fndn*) *Notes from Nola* are also a wealth of information, freely provided on www.moravianmusic.org

Currently, MMF is in production of “**Moravian Ideals; Moravian Music**” a six-part video series of information, stories, and music.

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MMF is in production for a video about the **music of Herbst**; and another on the **music of the Bach children**. Stay in touch for updates and release dates!

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.

www.moravianmusic.org

EVENTS & CONCERTS

Moravian Music Sunday

All congregations are encouraged to recognize **Moravian Music Sunday** on a date of your choice.

Moravian Church Without Walls

Nola Knouse and the MMF staff will hold a special service featuring Moravian music on June 7 on *Moravian Church Without Walls* (go to moravian.org and click on the “star” for online worship opportunities)

Featured Concert

Please note the online concert by Home Moravian Church:
Canticle II, “Abraham and Isaac”, Op. 51
by Benjamin Britten

Veronica Siebert, alto and Glenn Siebert, tenor; Susan Keck Foster, piano

Video release on Friday, May 29, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Online donations accepted

Visit us at www.homemoravian.org/music@home and
on Facebook at www.facebook.com/HMCMusicAtHome

Submitted by Erik J Salzwedel

Concerns and Celebrations

Ordination Anniversaries for June 2020

Bradley Bennett.....	36 yrs.
Walter Bishop.....	15 yrs.
David Burkette.....	63 yrs.
Wayne Burkette.....	51 yrs.

Robert Wolfe.....	30 yrs.
Rebecca Craver.....	13 yrs.
Frank Crouch.....	40 yrs.
Charles Fishel.....	57 yrs.
Billy Flippin.....	23 yrs.
Carol Foltz.....	42 yrs.
Chris Giesler.....	23 yrs.
Tom Shelton.....	42 yrs.
David Guthrie.....	34 yrs.
Thomas Haupt.....	40 yrs.
Wilma Israel.....	16 yrs.
Judith Justice.....	25 yrs.
David Marcus.....	24 yrs.
Tom Minor.....	54 yrs.
Joseph Moore.....	22 yrs.
Kelly Moore.....	22 yrs.
James Newsome.....	33 yrs.
Robert Rierson.....	56 yrs.
Douglas Rights.....	37 yrs.
Graham Rights.....	60 yrs.
John D. Rights.....	35 yrs.
Neil Routh.....	30 yrs.
Lane Sapp.....	33 yrs.
Barry Vernon.....	44 yrs.
Jack Vaiden.....	48 yrs.

Congratulations and God Bless You!



For Your June Calendar

- 11 - PEC Meeting (*conference call*)
- 25 - PEC Meeting (*conference call*)

BCM News for June 2020

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. While the situation continues to change daily, we are committed to provide timely resources to ministry leaders and congregations. Make sure you and your congregation stays up to date on BCM activities by [subscribe to our weekly e-news](#).

Virtual Office Hours



Tuesdays | 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.

Past Webinars and Office Hours | Looking Back

Webinars

- [How to Host a Zoom Meeting \(Basic and Advanced](#)

Tips)

- [Keeping the Faith at Home During Troubled Times](#)
- [Approaching Light: Caring for Our Souls Through Trauma](#)
- [Beyond Listening: Mental Health Resources for Moving Forward](#)
- [A Vision for Our New Normal: An Easter Invitation](#)
- [Summer Curriculum and VBS Update](#)

Office Hours

- [Is Zoom Safe?](#)
- [What are Moravian Churches Doing During COVID-19?](#)
- [Virtual Summer Faith Formation](#)
- [Online Giving Market Update](#)

Preparing to Regather | Resources for Congregations

With many states in the process of reopening, ministry leaders must make critical decisions about future worship and in-person gatherings at our physical locations. These decisions require much prayerful and practical discernment in a constantly evolving environment. We are building the bridge as we walk on it and we need each other more than ever.

In May, the BCM hosted a regathering workshop providing the latest information and practical guidance from church and government authorities, and shared resources useful as we build our own bridge to the church of the future.

[Click here](#) to watch the recording of this workshop as well as find a variety of resources about regathering from government and faith-based sources.

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Save the Date | Virtual Children's Festival & Lovefeast**Sunday, August 16, 2020 | 2:00PM**

This year, we will be offering our Children's Festival and Lovefeast virtually on Sunday, August 16, 2020 at 2:00PM. The festival will dive deeper into the tradition of the Moravian lovefeast and will include special, commemorative items! Be on the lookout for more information about this new format of our annual event commemorating the 1727 Moravian children's spiritual renewal in Herrnhut. Our festival will resume its normal format next year at St. Phillips Moravian Church.

More info to come!**Introducing | *The Moravian Experience: A Spiritual Journey for Right Now***

Our lives have been transformed during this global pandemic. There is no road map for our journey as we adapt and discern new ways forward together in these uncertain times. But we do have some tools at our disposal, which are steeped in our Moravian heritage. Our early Moravian brothers and sisters found opportunity in challenge. These bold followers of Jesus blazed forward as they grew in relationship with Christ, expressed spirituality in community, and sacrificed nearly everything for their mission.

Likewise, our current challenge provides modern-day Moravians opportunities to share faith, love, and hope with the world in new and different ways.

Amid an overwhelming amount of online content, this collection of resources provides inspiration and challenge for our journey *as Moravian Christians*. We hope these resources will guide you on your inward journey to deepen your relationship with Christ as well as our outward journey to live with each other like Christ – being relational and loving as we reach out to the world.

[Click here](#) to view *The Moravian Experience!*

The Resource Center | Modified Curriculum Sales

Our new curriculum ordering system will be released by the end of June. We will communicate changes to the system through our weekly e-news, social media, and communication to our current customers.

Contact Beth Hayes at bhayes@mcsp.org with any questions.

BCM Service Continuation | Stages of Reopening

The BCM staff has been working from home with intermittent office visits since mid-March and will continue to operate this way through the month of May. Our reopening plan will comply with minimum provincial, federal, state, and local recommendations and restrictions, and may, in some instances, be more restrictive. Our goal is to protect the health of BCM staff, volunteers, visitors, and customers while continuing to provide essential services. Starting Monday, June 1, 2020 we will enter into Stage 1 of our reopening plan with limited in office hours and no visitors. We will re-evaluate our plan every week as external conditions shift and will communicate our plan using posted signage, our website, social media, and email.

[Click here](#) to view our detailed continuation of service plan.

Submitted by Hanna Cheek Jackson

PEC News for June

Using video conferencing, the PEC held regular meetings May 14 and 28 with all members participating, except for Jeff Coppage on May 14. These meetings included joining the “Pastor to Pastor” video conference meetings occurring on Thursday afternoons.

SYNOD / STRATEGIC DIRECTION

PEC received an update from the Provincial Organization Core Team (Resolutions 17 and 18), including delays in their work due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and made plans to meet with the Team on June 9; received a report from the Resolution 14 Response Team; and received a report from the first meeting of the Synod Implementation Team on May 26, which will be forming the Synod Planning Team in the next two months. PEC noted the departure of two members of the Moravian Team for Reconciliation (Resolution 19) and discussed that Team’s charge from Synod and ongoing work.

CHURCHES AND LEADERS

The PEC continued steps in call processes for: Bethania, Fairview, Little Church on the Lane, and Rural Hall; decided a Provincial Share allocation question for one congregation; approved a group of congregations with which to conduct quadrennial reviews this fall; and received a letter from a congregation requesting PEC to consider creating a new “affiliated” membership category. PEC approved a revised description for Pastoral Internships for approved candidates for ordination; and received a report from the Commission on Ministry, which recommended approval of one person as a candidate for ordination, and will be meeting with three other prospective candidates in the next few months. PEC received an inquiry about possible financial assistance for PhD studies by a pastor.

BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

PEC discussed plans to participate in a May 20 webinar on “reopening” hosted by the Board of Cooperative Ministries. PEC reviewed the status of the Provincial Finance Office: finding an Accounts Receivable and Payroll Manager; and noted the departure of Paula Midkiff, HR Director at the end of the month. Midkiff will be available on a part-time basis for a transition period this summer. PEC was updated about a May meeting of the Board of Trustees of Salem Academy and College.

INTERPROVINCIAL, UNITY and ECUMENICAL

PEC was briefed about a May 19 meeting of the Unity Executive Committee which decided to postpone the planned September Unity Board meeting into 2021. PEC agreed to form a “federated ministry” partnership with the NC Synod of the ELCA in the development of a worshipping community known as The Dwelling, in downtown Winston-Salem.

OTHER MATTERS

PEC prepared a short video message to our congregations, finalized a memo about worship and other large group gatherings, and discussed the status of provincial finances in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The PEC meets June 11 and 25.

Submitted by David Guthrie, PEC President

Continuing Education

For many pastors, the COVID-19 pandemic has slowed down our involvement in Continuing Education events. As many events have shifted online, been rescheduled or even canceled, we wanted to remind everyone that funds are available through the Bishop W. Herbert Spaugh grant. Each year we allocate up to \$15,000 in grant money for pastors to use for their continuing education needs. To date, only half of those funds have been allocated in 2020. If you are interested in learning more about this grant or would like a Spaugh Grant Application, please contact me in the PEC office by phone or through email (dmarcus@mcsp.org).

Submitted by The Rev. Dr. Dave Marcus, Assistant to the PEC President

Moravian Ministries Foundation

Three Acts of Love for Moravian Dads

By Vince Holbrook

Here are three acts of love most Moravian fathers can afford to leave their families:

1. Join the [Moravian Widows' Society](#)

It can provide a lifetime of financial benefit to your widow.

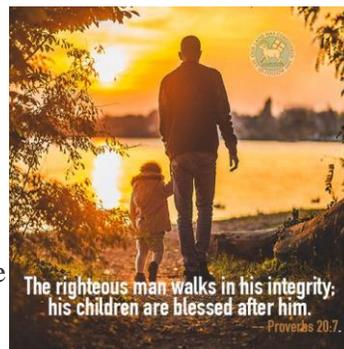
2. Prepare (or update) your Will

Our free [Estate Planning Guide](#) can help you organize your thoughts for your favorite Moravian attorney.

3. Have an Advanced Directive

Get your Free [Five Wishes document](#) here, courtesy of the Moravian Ministries Foundation in America. Enter the code MMFA2020 for your free copy. In many states, this document can become legally-binding once it is signed and notarized.

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



Submitted by Vince Holbrook

For Your Address Book

New Home Address for **Angelica Regalado Cieza**: 621 Nottingham Dr. Winston Salem, NC 27107

New email address for **Bethabara Moravian Church**: bethabaraoffice@gmail.com

Archives News

June 2020

ARCHIVES REMAINS CLOSED TO PUBLIC GUESTS through the month of June. Staff are accessible by email at moravinarchives@mcsp.org and individual direct email. We hope to be increasing staff hours in the Archives as restrictions ease.

VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS CONTINUE through June from 11am-noon, Monday through Thursday. Consult with a staff member live on your research requests. Join the Zoom meeting number 856 6367 1981 on your Zoom account or e-mail us for a direct link.

ANNOTATIONS SUPPORTERS NEWSLETTER becomes a twice-yearly e-mail later this month. Write us to join our Annotations mailing list if you are not already on our e-mail list.

MORAVIAN STUDIES COLLABORATIVE monthly meetings resume as an online Zoom gathering on June 25 from 5:30-7:00pm. Joining us will be Dr. Paul Peucker, Archivist of the Moravian Archives Bethlehem, with news of changes at his workplace due to COVID-19 and updates on his work for the Mellon Conference "Becoming American" in September. Join meeting number 863 3411 7206 if you have a Zoom account, or contact us for a direct link and phone call-in information. You will need to enter a passcode to enter the meeting, which will be 072281.

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