



# PROVINCIAL

## TIES

July 2020



— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

### Archives News

*July 2020*

THE ARCHIVES WILL REMAIN CLOSED TO VISITORS through the month of July. If Phase Two restrictions are eased after July 17, we may then allow scheduled volunteer workers in the building; but we do not anticipate being open to the public during the month of July. Direct inquiries to our personal e-mails or the office e-mail [moravianarchives@mcs.org](mailto:moravianarchives@mcs.org), or find Archivist J. Eric Elliott by cell at 980-267-2752.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PANDEMIC PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS Vicki Ward Frey of Kennesaw, GA [Category 1 (Displaying a Moravian Star)], Kim Reed of Winston-Salem, NC [Category 2 (Celebrating Church Community)] and Jeanie Rothrock of Winston-Salem [Category 3 (Daily Life)].

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All category winners will receive a \$50 gift credit towards any purchase in our online bookstore, while all other participants will receive a copy of our “Around the World Moravian Cookbook.”

MORAVIAN STUDIES COLLABORATIVE MEETS IN AN ONLINE ZOOM MEETING on fourth Thursdays from 5:30-7:00PM. July 23rd’s speaker will be Dr. Andre Minkins of Winston-Salem State University, talking of the cultural evening program he is designing for the Mellon Conference event “Becoming American” on September 23, 2020.

*Submitted by Eric Elliott, Archivist, Moravian Archives*

## Concerns and Celebrations

### **Pastoral Transitions:**

**Frank Crouch**, Vice President of Moravian College and Dean of Moravian Theological Seminary since 2001, has begun a one year research sabbatical prior to his retirement in June 2021. We wish Frank, and his wife Audrey, the best during this sabbatical year.

**Craig Atwood** is the Interim Dean of the Seminary as a national search for the next Dean of Moravian Theological Seminary will begin in the fall. Craig has served at the Seminary since 2010 as Charles D. Couch Chair of Moravian Theology and Director of the Center for Moravian Studies.

**Sam Gray**, Director of Mission Outreach with the North American Board of World Mission since 2004, has accepted a call to become pastor of New Philadelphia Moravian Church. A service of installation was held June 28. Sam began this new ministry on July 1. We invite prayers for Sam, and his wife, Lorena; the Board of World Mission, and the New Philadelphia congregation.

### ***Ordination Anniversaries for July 2020***

Christy Clore .....	15 years
Steve Craver .....	43 years
Anthony Hayworth.....	12 years
Thomas Hensley.....	34 years
Logan Jones.....	37 years
John Rainey.....	32 years
Tracy Robinson.....	14 years
Adam Spaugh.....	12 years
Heather Vacek.....	8 years
Walter Yarborough.....	20 years
Victoria Lasley .....	3 years
Tim Byerly .....	42 years

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

## *PEC News for July*

Using video conferencing, the PEC held regular meetings July 11 and 25 with all members participating, except for Jeff Coppage on July 25. These meetings included joining the “Pastor to Pastor” video conference meetings occurring on Thursday afternoons, as well as a time of intercessory prayer for pastors, church educators, congregations, and Provincial boards and agencies.

### **SYNOD / STRATEGIC DIRECTION**

PEC provided initial guidance for the Synod Planning Committee, which has its first meeting in July, and confirmed the dates and location for the 2022 Synod: June 1-4, 2022, at Salem College. PEC discussed the work of the Moravian Team for Reconciliation (Resolution 19), and the need to appoint additional Team members; and, considered the time-frame for the Provincial Organization Core Team’s work (Resolutions 17 and 18).

### **CHURCHES AND LEADERS**

The PEC continued steps in call processes for: Bethania, Fairview, Little Church on the Lane, Rural Hall, and Union Cross; set the schedule for fall quadrennial reviews for seven congregations and one Provincial board; responded to correspondence from one congregation; discussed the deacon-presbyter mentoring program; received notice that the Moravian Ministry Association is continuing plans for an in-person retreat, subject to change due to COVID-19; met with one pastor interested in serving in our Province and noted inquiries from three pastors in other denominations; and responded to a question from one congregation about Congregational Acolytes and Holy Communion.

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

The PEC received a report from the Commission on Ministry including updates about approved candidates for ordination and those in process; and discussed the work of the Board of Cooperative Ministries especially during the COVID-19 outbreak.

### **INTERPROVINCIAL, UNITY and ECUMENICAL**

The PEC received letters from the Unity Board Administrator, Jørgen Bøytler: a statement from the British Province on the death of George Floyd and racism; a letter announcing the postponement of the 2020 Unity Board meeting until April 2021; and a message from the European Continental Province about Black Lives Matter. PEC noted we are waiting on further communication from the NC Synod of the ELCA regarding partnership in “the Dwelling,” a worship community in Winston-Salem for our neighbors who are homeless. PEC approved Guthrie’s participation on the search committee for the next Dean of Moravian Theological Seminary.

### **OTHER MATTERS**

PEC continued to monitor developments related to the COVID-19 pandemic and prepared additional memos to pastors and congregations. PEC noted that the Provincial Support Services Board anticipates a 10% reduction in the 2020 Provincial Budget due to income trends from congregations.

The PEC meets July 9 and 23.

*Submitted by David Guthrie, PEC President*

## *For Your July Calendar*

9 - PEC Meeting (*conference call*)  
23 - PEC Meeting (*conference call*)



## **Moravian Ministries Foundation**

**Now is the time**

*By Laura Watson*



Summer has arrived. Typically our communities of faith make changes to their schedules this time of year: some committees don't meet in July, certain programming is suspended until the fall, and many alter their Sunday morning routines by combining services or having fewer Sunday School offerings.

But this has certainly not been a typical year, and won't be a typical summer. So we encourage you to consider some atypical behavior this season, specifically in the area of stewardship. Rather than waiting until the fall, a time of year when lots of churches focus on

financial stewardship, focus on stewardship (**all** aspects of it) right now and year round! Here are a few suggestions to get you started:

[Click here to read entire article](#)

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## *For Your Address Book*

**NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES:**

**Oak Grove:** [oakgrovech@oakgrovech.net](mailto:oakgrovech@oakgrovech.net)

**Hopewell:** [Hopewell.Moravian@gmail.com](mailto:Hopewell.Moravian@gmail.com)

**Sam Gray:** [sam@newphilly.org](mailto:sam@newphilly.org)

## BCM News for July 2020

### 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 view our virtual office hours topics and join us on Tuesdays!

### Save the Date | Virtual Children's Festival & Lovefeast

**Sunday, August 16, 2020**

This year, we will be offering our Children's Festival and Lovefeast virtually on Sunday, August 16, 2020. The festival will dive deeper into the tradition of the Moravian lovefeast and will include special, commemorative items! To better publicize the event info, we have asked all congregations to send Beth Hayes ([BHayes@MCSP.org](mailto:BHayes@MCSP.org)) your church's children programming representative contact information. A Zoom meeting will be held on Monday, August 3, 2020 at 7:00 PM to discuss the Children's Festival activities with these representatives.



**More info to come on our e-news, social media, and website!**

### The Resource Center | Modified Curriculum Sales



Our new curriculum ordering system is live! For the 2020-2021 curriculum year, we have simplified our options to make it easier to order the best educational program for your members. Churches can visit [MoravianCurriculum.org](http://MoravianCurriculum.org) to view our full catalog and informational video about the ordering process. At this time, we are not allowing visitors into The Resource Center. If

you are interested in seeing samples of products, contact Beth Hayes to arrange curbside pickup.

**Contact Beth Hayes at [BHayes@MCSP.org](mailto:BHayes@MCSP.org) with any questions.**

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## #BeMoravianStars Nomination Form

Be the light. Be a Moravian Star. In a time when light can be hard to find, there are still plenty of our fellow humans out there shining light into dark places and fulfilling the scriptural command to love your neighbor as yourself. Let's transform the world with love and be the light...



BCM is seeking nominations to honor those who are making a difference in their community through both small and big acts of kindness. We will "star" the yards of those nominated to honor them for their generosity and love for their neighbor. Then, we will feature their good deeds on our social media and website.

**[Complete this brief form](#) to nominate someone for this recognition!**

## BCM CONNECT Small Group Opportunities

BCM will offer a variety of online small group experiences to examine topics of interest to Moravian Christians. By spending time with a small group, you can build relationships, connect with others, and mobilize to grow in faith, love, and hope, following Jesus in serving the world.

**Information on these upcoming opportunities will be available in our weekly e-news and [website](#)!**

## 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](#)
- [Building the Bridge to the Church of the Future: A Workshop on Re- Gathering](#) | To help with the discernment required as we contemplate reopening, we have gathered a list of resources. [Click here](#) to view the list including government guidelines, re-gathering worksheets, and supply sources.

### Office Hours

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

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## BCM Service Continuation | Stages of Reopening

The BCM will continue to work on a limited in-office, by appointment only basis until farther notice. Please contact staff by email to schedule a time for curbside pickup if you are needing supplies from the office. We will re-evaluate our plan frequently 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*

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## Moravian Music Foundation

*Music continues to fill our lives with joy and assurance.*

Moravian Music Foundation staff is working from the office and remotely from home and using Zoom for meetings. **The best way to reach us is by email:**  
*[first name]@moravianmusic.org or [info@moravianmusic.org](mailto:info@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](http://moravianmusic.org)** and our **YouTube Channel** (*Moravian Music Fndn*) *Notes from Nola* are also a wealth of information, freely provided on [www.moravianmusic.org](http://www.moravianmusic.org)

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

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 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](http://www.moravianmusic.org)

### **Moravian Music Sunday**

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

*Submitted by Erik J Salzwedel*

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