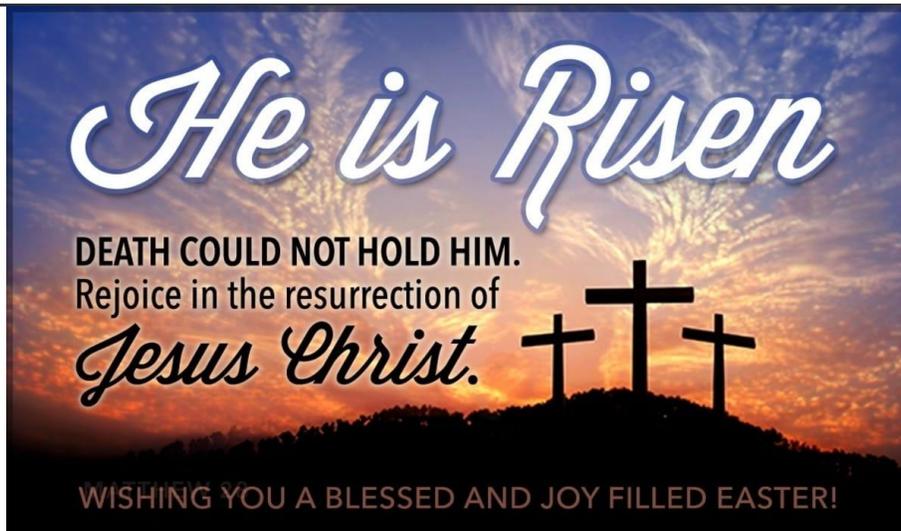


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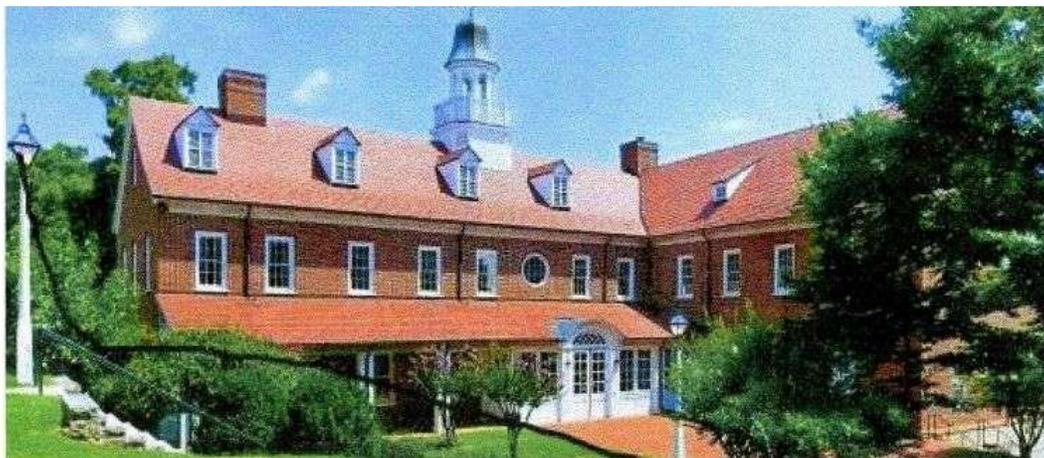
Reminder: Archives Sunday is April 25!

ARCHIVES SUNDAY PACKETS. In 2020, the Provincial Elders Conference approved designating the last Sunday in April “Moravian Archives Sunday” to offer prayers for the Southern Province Archives and to request support for our ongoing mission as record keeper. The Archives Commission appreciates your including us in your April 25th service this year. Materials about our programs and needs will be sent to you **BEFORE EASTER** to help you do that. To provide an overview of the information regarding April 25, included here is information from the “bulletin insert,” suitable for including in your bulletin that day and/or in announcements then or ahead of time. This insert will be a part of the materials to be sent to you before Easter.

As the Archives Commission restructures to ensure long-term sustainability, we are very grateful for your support as we work to preserve our past and continue to gather stories of the present for future generations.

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Archives Sunday 2021 is **April 25** and the Archives Needs Your Help!



Since 1753, documenting our churches, our families, our communities, the Moravian Archives has been the official repository for records of the Moravian Church in America, Southern Province. The first records in our collection began with the establishment of the first southern Moravian settlement in 1753 at Bethabara, then Bethania in 1759, and Salem in 1766, and continue uninterrupted to the present. The primary mission of the Archives is to serve the Southern Province Moravian churches by collecting, cataloging and safekeeping these records. Additionally, the Archives make many of its holdings available for research by genealogists, academics, cultural institutions, and the general public. Indeed, the Archives is an important source of historical information for the greater Winston-Salem area.

Originally, Moravians kept detailed records to maintain ties with Church leadership in the Moravian “center” of Herrnhut, Germany, and later with the settlements in Bethlehem, PA and other places. However, the collections of the Archives represent a treasure-trove of historical information about life in the Southern Province of the Moravian Church, including diaries, church member information, funeral memoirs, church government, orders of worship, an extensive collection of music, and reports from the world-wide missionary work of the Moravian Church, including the work with the native American Cherokees.

How can you help? See the reverse side!

Archives Sunday: April 25, 2021
Here's how you can help!

The Provincial Elders Conference, Southern Province, has designated the last Sunday of April each year as **Moravian Archives Sunday**. On April 25 this year, the churches of the Southern Province have been asked to provide special emphasis for the Moravian Archives during worship, and to provide information about the Archives in its church bulletins and newsletters.

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On this emphasis Sunday, members of our Southern Province churches are asked to support the Archives with their financial contributions and their prayers! If you have not yet made a contribution to this valuable repository of information about our church, we encourage you to do so by this emphasis Sunday. And if you have already made a contribution, please consider additional support! The Archives' \$300,000 annual budget is funded primarily by the churches of the Southern Province, as well as the Salem Congregation and contributions of individual donors, including both Moravians and non-Moravians. However, continuing economic realities and as well as the pandemic make support from individuals like you even more important.

Gifts to the Archives can be designated for any of the following funds:

- Unrestricted fund
- The Reverend Dr. C. Daniel Crews Friends Fund
- Technology Fund (for necessary computer and research equipment)
- Book Fund (for publication of books like *Records of the Moravians among the Cherokees*)
- Endowment Fund

Online contributions may be made by going to the following:

- Archives site: www.moravianarchives.org/donate
- Moravian Ministries Foundation: www.mmfa.info/Giving Portal

If you would like to receive a contribution card, please contact the Archives:

457 S. Church Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101
(336) 722-1742; e-mail: moravianarchives@mcsp.org

Thank you!



Moravian College announces Rev. Dr. Heather Vacek will join Moravian Theological Seminary as its next Dean and Vice President.

Vacek joins Moravian after six years as VPAA at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

BETHLEHEM, PA, March 18, 2021: [Moravian College](http://www.moraviancollege.edu) announces that Rev. Dr. Heather Vacek will join [Moravian Theological Seminary](http://www.moraviantheologicalseminary.edu) as its Dean and Vice President, taking over for Interim Dean Dr. Craig Atwood who has served admirably in this role since the retirement of Dr. Frank Crouch in 2020. The Rev. Dr. Vacek currently serves at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary as an Associate Professor of Church History. For the past six years she has also served as Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty.

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“Moravian College and the Seminary are excited to welcome Rev. Dr. Vacek, she is an accomplished teacher, scholar, and administrator and will be a great addition to our community,” commented Cynthia Kosso, Provost of Moravian College. “We’re confident her experience will allow her to make an immediate and positive impact on the students, faculty, staff and alumni of the Seminary.”

The Rev. Dr. Vacek worked for more than a decade in corporate engineering and marketing when she experienced her call to ministry and earned a Master of Divinity (2006) and Doctorate in Theology (2012) from Duke Divinity School. She was ordained by the Southern Province of the Moravian Church in July 2012.

In addition, Rev. Dr. Vacek earned her BA in Economics from Northwestern University, a BS in Industrial Engineering from Northwestern University, an MEM (engineering management) from Northwestern University and an MBA from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University.

Celebrations

Ordination Anniversaries for April 2021

Phil Bauguess.....46 years
Wayne Byerly.....24 years
Cheryl Cottingham.....11 years
Richard Spaugh.....54 years
Riddick Weber.....19 years

Congratulations and God Bless You!



NC Council of Churches 2021 Legislative Seminar

The Southern Province is a founding member of the NC Council of Churches. Each year the Council holds a Legislative Seminar on issues and concerns of interest to NC churches. This year the Seminar will be “virtual”, which may make participating easier. The event is free to all, but donations will be accepted with registration.

From the Council website:

Whether you are new to policy advocacy or have been engaged in this work for years, the Council’s Legislative Seminar offers a chance to learn about the important discussions during this 2021 General Assembly session. By refracting policy through the lens of faith, we can frame a different conversation that leads to meaningful change together. The Seminar will be virtual this year with two workshops each day at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. lasting for one hour each.

Topics include:

- Opening worship, with presentation of the Faith Active in Public Life award to Secretary Michael Regan, a NC native recently confirmed as leader of the Environmental Protection Agency.
- Making the Eco-Justice Connection
- Gun Violence Prevention
- Immigration Policy
- Drug Policy in NC
- Redistricting/Voting Rights and Rules
- Tax and Budget / Finance Reform
- Healthcare Policy
- Current State of Public Education
- Working for a Living Wage

For further information and to register: <https://www.ncchurches.org/event-single/2021-legislative-seminar/>

Moravian Ministries Foundation in America

Miller to speak at Steward Sparks bible study April 27

By Laura Watson

We are delighted that The Rev. Betsy Miller, president of the Provincial Elders’ Conference, Northern Province, will co-lead our upcoming Steward Sparks bible study on Tuesday, April 27, at 11:00 am EDT. She has selected Mark 12:41-44 (the Widow’s Mite) for our conversation. To learn more and to register, please visit our website [here](#).



Curious to know a little more about Betsy? [Click here](#) to read on to hear some of her thoughts on all things stewardship.

For Your April Calendar

April 8 - PEC Meeting (*video conference call*)

April 22 - PEC Meeting (*video conference call*)

BCM News for April 2021

COVID-19 in 2021: What We Know Now Webinar

Did you miss our COVID-19 in 2021 webinar? If so, you can check out the recording on [YouTube!](#) Dr. Werner Bischoff, WFBH Epidemiologist and Professor of Infectious Diseases and Professor of Epidemiology and Prevention, gives us an update on the virus, its new variants, and vaccines.

[Click here](#) to watch the video today!

A Year Apart: A Service of Memory and Hope

Let us breathe deeply and hold together all the lessons we have learned and the sorrows we bear after the past year. This interprovincial online worship experience marking the first year of pandemic living includes music, prayer, and remembering our losses and blessings brought on by our year apart.

[Click here](#) to watch this short worship experience.

GenOn Ministries Curricula Partnership

BCM is excited to enter into a partnership with GenOn Ministries to provide Moravian congregations with FREE online resources during 2021. These resources will work for all ages both during and after COVID restrictions.



To access these resources for your congregation, please email **Beth Hayes**, BCM's Director of Congregational Resources and Ministries. She will handle distribution of resources to Moravian Churches via a dedicated password-protected web page on MoravianBCM.org.

Once you've received the access information, you also have access to the following GenOn curricula for the calendar year 2021 as it is released:

- Lent Virtual Curriculum
- Sunday LiFT Virtual Curriculum: Spring
- Spring at Home and in Community
- VBS Virtual Curriculum
- Summer Quarter of Sunday LiFT (Coming Soon!)

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Save the Date: Children's Festival and Lovefeast 2021 **Sunday, August 15, 2021 | 4:00 PM ET**

We are excited to announce that the Children's Festival and Lovefeast will be held again for the 8th year in a row! This year's event will be a hybrid of virtual interactive experiences and a livestreamed lovefeast from St. Philips Moravian Church! Throughout the entire event, we will celebrate the unique history of St. Phillips and the many contributions this congregation has made to the Moravian Church.



Last year, we asked all congregations to send Beth Hayes your congregation's children's programming representative contact information. Within the next few months, the Children and Family Task Force will be reaching out to each of these representatives to share information about this exciting event. If you have not contacted Beth with a children's programming rep, please do so soon!

Submitted by Hanna Cheek Jackson

PEC News April 2021

PEC News April 2021 Provincial Ties

The Provincial Elders' Conference met March 11 and 25, via video conference, with all members participating. PEC continued to review annual reports from pastors and church educators. Both meetings included time invested in devotions and intercessory prayer.

SYNOD / STRATEGIC DIRECTION

PEC continued discussion of materials submitted by the Provincial Organization Core Team related to 2018 Synod Resolution 18 (Reimagining Faith Communities); discussed a draft guidance document for the Synod Nominations Committee; and discussed materials to aid church boards and delegates in understanding what Synod is and how Synod works. PEC formally decided that the 2020 membership statistics would be the basis for calculating the number of delegates congregations are allotted for the 2022 Synod.

CHURCHES AND LEADERS

Upon recommendation of the Commission on Ministry, PEC approved Adriana Craver and Scott Rainey for ordination upon receipt and acceptance of a call. PEC reviewed and discussed other candidacy matters, including educational requirements; discussed pastoral leadership needs in FL; met with Christy Clore for an update on progress and developments in her transitional pastorate at Kernersville; began discussion of the compensation and benefits provided for calls to full-time, three quarter-time and half-time service; and discussed an inquiry from a pastor in the PCUSA about possible service in the Southern Province. PEC continued work in various stages for call processes with: Ardmore; First, Greensboro; Hope; Union Cross; Unity; and received a report from the quadrennial review at Trinity.

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BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

PEC noted that the Provincial Support Services Board will meet April 7 with the Actuary for the Pension Plan; reviewed a revised description of the Pension Committee and discussed its reorganization; and received suggestions from the Board of Cooperative Ministries for additional PEC appointees to that Board. PEC received an update on the work of the Moravian Team for Racial, Cultural and Ethnic Reconciliation; and discussed several initiatives of the Archives Commission as it considers its finances and staffing needs.

INTERPROVINCIAL, UNITY and ECUMENICAL

Guthrie joined Betsy Miller of the Northern Province PEC, in recording brief remarks for the Mar. 21, interprovincial commemoration of the 1st anniversary of the pandemic. Guthrie reported on his co-leadership, with Marie Coutts, Director of Christian Education for the Eastern District, of a workshop for church board members during Leadership Focus 2021. PEC noted the appointment of Heather Vacek as Vice President and Dean of Moravian Theological Seminary.

OTHER MATTERS

PEC reviewed fund balances for PEC-designated and endowment funds, including the Church Aid and Extension Endowment, and the Emerging Ministries Fund; and discussed where to place a \$10,500 refund received from the Lilly Foundation related to the Moravian Clergy Connections program (in cooperation with the Northern Province).

PEC meetings in April are scheduled for April 8 and 22.

Submitted by David Guthrie, PEC President

Mission Society News

The Mission Society has hired a new administrative assistant, Jennifer Boles. She can be reached at jboles@mosp.org or 336-773-1732. The new mailing address for the Mission Society is 2178 Friedberg Church Road, Winston Salem, NC 27127.

We wanted to remind you that the Mission Society is offering scholarship applications for short-term mission trips. The scholarships can be used for Laurel Ridge mission camp at \$50, for other mission trips further afield domestically at \$125, and \$300 for international mission trips. Please contact the Mission Society for the application.

Submitted by Jennifer Boles



Christ
is
Risen!

Moravian Music News

April 2021



... will be different from any Festival you've ever attended before! Because of ongoing concerns about the COVID-19 pandemic, the MMF Board of Trustees decided in the fall that the 26th Moravian Music Festival, scheduled for 18-24 July 2021, will be an all-virtual event. The Festival will feature a combination of live and pre-recorded worship opportunities, concerts, classes and webinars, and lectures, as well as a separate program for children and youth with a musical theater production! Read about all the plans and put reminders in your calendar to check out www.MoravianMusicFestival.org frequently!

REGISTRATION IS OPEN! – find the links at www.MoravianMusicFestival.org



**Registration for the Bethlehem Conference this year is FREE!
Concert of Music from the Moravian Collections is FREE!**

CONCERT

Beethoven in Bethlehem

presented by Moravian Music Foundation

Introduction by Gwyn Michel, Assistant Director

Friday, April 23, 2021

1:00pm

Trio for Strings No. 2 in D minor Moravian composer John Antes (1740-1811)

the first chamber music composed by an American;
composed while Antes was a missionary in Egypt.

Symphony No. 4 in Bb major Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

arranged for flute, violin, cello, and piano by Hummel;
found in the Philharmonic Society of Bethlehem collection.

*This is the 250th year of the birth of Beethoven, and so this concert honors
"Beethoven in Bethlehem" by using a major work found in the Bethlehem collections!*

This year's conference will be held online by Zoom, including the Walter Vivian Moses Lecture in Moravian Studies on Tuesday, **the music concert presented by Moravian Music Foundation on Friday**, the Keynote Lecture presented by Moravian Historical Society on Saturday, and all panels, performances, roundtables, and discussions. The conference is sponsored by Moravian Archives, Moravian College,

and Center for Moravian Studies, in partnership with Moravian Music Foundation, Moravian Theological Seminary, and Moravian Historical Society.

We encourage MMF friends, and anyone interested, to register because this is the ONLY way you will be able to experience the concert sponsored by the Moravian Music Foundation! Register at <http://www.MoravianConferences.org> and you will receive the link to the concert and to all the sessions. You may also make a donation to help the conference offset its expenses!

Sixty-five years ago, on 1 May 1956, the Moravian Music Foundation was chartered as a nonprofit corporation in the state of North Carolina. Our 65th anniversary coincides with Moravian Music Sunday, May 2, so we're going to celebrate by inviting you to give a special gift to the Foundation before or during that weekend.

There will be special prizes and giveaways.
Please visit us for all the details at moravianmusic.org/65thanniversary/

**Moravian Music Sunday 2021:
Stand Up and Bless the Lord: Singing Our Faith
with the Hymns of James Montgomery (1771-1854)**



Since the timing of the return to in-person worship, and full-throated choral and congregational singing, is still uncertain, for Moravian Music Sunday this year we are not recommending choral music. Instead, we are focusing on the 250th birthday of renowned Moravian hymn-writer James Montgomery.

Montgomery wrote over 400 poems and hymns, and some 100 of these are still in use. The 1995 *Moravian Book of Worship* contains 20. Some of the most familiar Montgomery hymns are *Angels from the Realms of Glory*; *Come, Let Us Sing the Song of Songs*; *Go to Dark Gethsemane*...

For Moravian Music Sunday we have prepared an order of worship using 15 Montgomery hymns reflecting on the seasons of the church year. These hymns could be sung by a soloist or very small quartet (*socially distanced, and masked even while singing*); or the texts could be read aloud, with or without the tunes playing in the background. All the information and the order of service is available on the website at moravianmusic.org .

Also, in April Nola Knouse will offer a series of webinars reflecting on the scriptural and theological content of these hymns.

Watch Facebook, emails, and the [website](#) for announcements and registration information!

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Moravian Music is now Streaming!

You can now find Moravian music on all of your favorite streaming services! We know that CDs are on the way out and in an attempt to keep up in the music industry we are going digital! The easiest way to find our music on a streaming platform is to search the album title.

We are in the process of uploading all of our CDs to be streamed but currently the available albums are:

Osterkantate (Wolf, Easter Cantata);

Sing Hallelujah! (organ music);

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers (Advent and Christmas music);

Harmonious to Dwell (Low Brass, favorite hymns);

What Heights, What Depths of Love Divine (Low Brass, Lent and Easter music);

Once He Came in Blessing (Low Brass, Advent and Christmas music);

Joining Our Voices (hymns); Tumfuute! (Moravian women of Tanzania);

Loveliest Immanuel (solo vocal music).

And, MORE IN THE WORKS!

If you are familiar with streaming services, feel free to like, save, and download any song or album from that list. If you not yet unfamiliar with streaming music, check out Apple Music, Spotify, or Pandora for free. On Spotify you can find a “Moravian Christmas” and a “Moravian Easter” playlist with all your seasonal favorites! If you have any questions or need assistance finding our music please contact Sarah at 336-725-0651 or at sarah@moravianmusic.org.

After sampling some of the music, if you love the music and want to support MMF, you may purchase the entire CD at moravianmusic.org

Submitted by Erik Salzwedel

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