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— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

BCM News for August 2021

Save the Date: Children's Festival and Lovefeast 2021



Sunday, August 15, 2021 | 4:00 PM ET

This year's Virtual Children's Festival and Lovefeast is now LIVE! Children and adults alike will be able to immerse themselves in an [interactive online experience](#) of St. Philips rich history. Using [this platform](#), families can go at their own pace to learn about St. Philips, the oldest African American Moravian congregation in the United States, originally located within Salem.

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By clicking on the various images [on the website](#) you will be able to learn more about St. Philips, the activities in your grab bag, and the Emancipation Proclamation.

A livestreamed lovefeast will conclude the unique event on Sunday, August 15, 2021 at 4:00- 5:00 PM ET from St. Philips Moravian Church. (Link will be posted on [MoravianBCM.org](#) in August.) Gather the lovefeast supplies and watch the service with children from across the Southern Province and beyond!

For more information, visit [MoravianBCM.org](#)! If you have any questions, contact Beth Hayes.

The Resource Center | 2021-2022 Curriculum Sales

Faith formation is still essential and evolving like many other aspects of church and society as we slowly move out of the pandemic. When we rethink how best to serve congregations and members, whether it's toddlers, children, youth, or adults, we know faith formation will likely be "hybrid" or blended (online and offline) in some way. Many of you are now choosing a combination of print and digital resources, and we are here to help you in any way possible!



2021-2022 curriculum orders need to be submitted ASAP.

Visit [MoravianCurriculum.org](#) to order the most popular and high-quality print materials consistent with Moravian theology: *Celebrate Wonder, Adult Bible Series, One Room School, Present Word, Feasting on the Word, Growing in Grace and Gratitude, Growing in God's Love, Follow Me, Faith Questions, and Shine.*

The BCM is here to help with all your faith formation initiatives and resource needs! Beth Hayes is in the office on Monday through Thursday and is otherwise available via email to answer any of your questions.

Submitted by Hanna Cheek Jackson

Moravian Music News

August 2021



Part 1 of the 26th Moravian Music Festival was a worldwide experience of music and the connections we enjoy through music.

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ANNOUNCING PART 2

July 26 – 30, 2022

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

www.moravianmusicfestival.org

Part 1 of the Festival was online, July 18-24, 2021, using YouTube and Zoom, and creating video and virtual chorus and virtual band projects.

There were

- 9 virtual projects in all,
- 6 concerts, containing 8 hours of live-streamed or recorded music, devotions, and the word, (several countries participating)
- music by 57+ distinct musicians or musical groups from 5 countries,
- 41 educational and instructional videos,
- 17 hours of social connections and fellowship,
- 12 songs written or arranged, and recorded for the ACTS youth musical theater
- daily connections and lessons for children and youth, games and activities for children and youth,
- 8 live educational sessions (again, involving a variety of countries),
- 1 Trivia Challenge
- 1 Instrument Zoo

Concerts are available for public viewing at [Festival Concerts](#)

Registration for the 2022 Festival will open in the fall.

www.moravianmusicfestival.org

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Submitted by Erik Salzwedel

PEC News August 2021

The Provincial Elders' Conference had its regular meetings July 15 and 29, with all members present, except for July 29 when Matthew Allen was on vacation. July 15 two members participated via video conference. These meetings included time for sharing news and concerns from our congregations and Provincial boards, and intercessory prayer for pastor, church educators, Provincial staff and their families.

SYNOD / STRATEGIC DIRECTION

PEC received reports from the Synod Planning Committee, approved a final version of a Synod Delegate Covenant, reviewed allocation of Synod delegates to congregations, continued plans for a pastors' meeting about preparations for Synod, made decisions about advisory delegates to Synod, and discussed securing a Parliamentarian. PEC discussed plans to distribute and to highlight various resources about our Moravian identity, spiritual life and heritage in the months leading up to Synod.

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CHURCHES AND LEADERS

PEC developed a strategy for providing pastoral leadership in south FL congregations and fellowships, and made arrangements for Guthrie and Marcus to visit FL in early August. PEC made call process-related decisions for: Bethania, Christ, First, Greensboro, Hope, Hopewell and Union Cross; determined PEC participation in fall quadrennial reviews for Covenant, Crooked Oak, Macedonia, Bethabara, Mt. Bethel and Enterprise; and made arrangements for the installation of Andrew Craver (Rural Hall), the ordination (Bethania) and installation of Scott Rainey (Unity); and the consecration as Presbyterian of Christy Clore (Kernersville, Sept. 19). PEC received a report from the Commission on Ministry about its recent meetings with candidates and reviewed the status of one candidate's supervised ministry. PEC issued a call to Rebecca Craver to become Director of Congregational Development, beginning August 29.

BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

July 15, PEC met with the Board of Cooperative Ministries leadership team to brief them on plans for the creation of a Commission on Congregational Development; discussed a recommendation from the Provincial Support Services Board regarding a request from the Laurel Ridge Board of Directors regarding its capital campaign; and, received an update from the Archives Commission on its implementation of recommendations from a recent consultation about organization and operations.

INTERPROVINCIAL, UNITY and ECUMENICAL

PEC received a report from the extraordinary Synod of the Northern Province which overwhelmingly approved a plan to combine Lancaster Theological Seminary with Moravian Theological Seminary; and noted that the Unity Executive Committee plans to meet in September, location to be determined based on the status of the pandemic. PEC received an update on the ministry of the Dwelling, in Winston-Salem, and upcoming opportunities for congregations to support service learning experiences being planned for 2022.

OTHER MATTERS

PEC approved a request from New Beginnings related to an easement and improvements on their property in Huntersville; revised and communicated new COVID-19 guidelines, based on the July 27 decision of the CDC regarding mask-wearing; and received an invitation to participate in an Oct. 3 event, part of the 250th anniversary of Salem Academy and College, recognizing the enrollment of students from the Cherokee nation.

PEC will meet August 12 and 26.

Submitted by David Guthrie, PEC President



Concerns and Celebrations

Ordination:

Brother **Scott Rainey** was ordained a deacon in the Moravian Church on Sunday, August 1, at 3:00 p.m., at Bethania Moravian Church, with the Rt. Rev. Lane Sapp officiating. Scott has accepted the call to be pastor of Unity Moravian Church, and begins ministry there in September.

Death:

Eric Spencer, husband of **Ramona Routh Spencer**, passed away suddenly at home on July 25 of natural causes. Please pray for Ramona, and the Spencer family, especially Eric's parents and two brothers.

Illnesses:

Richard Spaugh, interim pastor at Christ Moravian, was hospitalized and underwent testing in July. His son, Adam, reports Richard is in good spirits. Pray for Richard and family.

After several tests, **John Rainey**, interim pastor at Leaksville, is scheduled to have a heart monitor implant on August 23. Remember John and his wife, Donna, in prayer.

Ordination Anniversaries for August 2021

Worth Green.....	44 years
Donald Griffin.....	38 years
Suzanne Miller.....	13 years
Tracy Pryor.....	22 years
James Salzwedel.....	60 years
Arkon Stewart.....	31 years
Sandra Thigpen.....	29 years
Scott Venable.....	42 years
Frank Barker.....	58 years
Andrew Craver.....	3 years

Congratulations and God Bless You!

Correction: Dion Christopher celebrated the 30th anniversary of his ordination on June 16, 2021.

HIGHLIGHTING MORAVIAN RESOURCES

There is a wealth of information about our Moravian identity, beliefs and spiritual heritage available via the websites of the Interprovincial Board of Communication and the Southern Province.

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We invite you to share and to use the following list in your congregation, make it available to Sunday school and other faith-formation groups, post it via your website, Facebook page, or email, and otherwise distribute it to your members for their general information and personal use.

Over the months leading up to our 2022 Synod the Provincial Elders' Conference will be highlighting these and other resources via brief articles in the Provincial Ties newsletter, which you are welcome to include in communications in your congregation or fellowship.

Our Moravian Identity, Beliefs, and Spiritual Heritage

A one-page summary: [Who Are Moravians?](#)

A list of [Quick Facts about the Moravian Church](#)

An article about [Our Faith, Our History and Our Ministry](#)

A brief video about [Moravian History](#)

A brief video about [What We Believe](#)

Our new [Moravian Catechism](#) Available as a [PDF](#), and as a [printable booklet](#).

The [Ground of the Unity](#) (a statement from the worldwide church) Also available: [An eight part study guide](#).

The [Moravian Covenant for Christian Living](#) Also available: [A ten part study guide](#).

Some information about the [Moravian understanding of the Essentials](#)

The [Guiding Principles of Biblical Interpretation](#) Also in [booklet format](#), with reflection questions.

The [Easter Morning Liturgy](#). Also available: A [ten part video series](#) about this liturgy.

Information about our [Orders of Ministry](#)

Information on the [Sacrament of Holy Communion](#)

Information about the [Sacrament of Baptism](#)

Information about the [Rite of Confirmation](#)

And some information about [various Moravian traditions](#) (a few of them!)

Submitted by David Guthrie, PEC President

For Your August Calendar

12 - PEC Meeting

15 - Children's Lovefeast, livestreamed from St. Philips, 4:00 pm

26 - PEC Meeting



Moravian Ministries Foundation in America

August 2021

Grants to be awarded August 13

By Vince Holbrook

Moravian Ministries Foundation in America

What better time to announce ministry grants than the August 13 Festival! Watch for news about the 2021 grant recipients. A record 23 applicants, representing 18 different congregations and agencies from all areas, have requested money from the Field of Interest Funds represented on the [Moravian Giving Portal](#). Those funds include: Hunger & Thirst, Housing & Shelter, Healing & Health, Clothing, Prison Ministry, and Environmental Stewardship. Thanks to your gifts during the Moravian Day of Giving, we have 4x more money (than last year) to award to some excellent proposals!



[Click here to learn more and register.](#)

The Widows Society

The Widow's Society Board will not meet in person this summer.

The widows who are recipients will receive a check for \$700.00 in September.

Unfortunately, far too many widows are left without this benefit. If you wish to join please call Bill Campbell at 336-403-3209.

I B Southerland, President

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