

PROVINCIAL TIES

September 2021



— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

Moravian Ministries Foundation in America *September 2021*



MMFA hosts virtual conference October 4 - 8
Free. Online. Register now.

By Laura Watson

Your Moravian Ministries Foundation invites you to this year's *Celebrate Stewardship* conference to be held virtually from October 4-8.

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Join us to explore how our identity as God’s stewards impacts every aspect of our lives, from our relationship with money to how we spend our time, use our gifts, and care for others.

Celebrate Stewardship 2021 will offer:

- two guest speakers and keynote sessions:
 - Tim Schuster, creator of *Six Weeks on Money*
 - *Grace Pomroy, director of the Stewardship Leaders program at Luther Seminary*
- two bible studies
- a variety of useful workshops

[Click here for a full printable schedule.](#)

Together, we’ll look at how to both be and form faithful and generous stewards in a time of continued challenge and change.

Through engaging conversations and sharing practical tools, best practices, and resources, Celebrate Stewardship 2021 is sure to energize you as a steward and enrich the stewardship ministry in your community of faith.

[Click here to continue reading and register.](#)

Concerns and Celebrations

Ordination Anniversaries for September 2021

Bert Chin.....30 years
Patricia Garner.....23 years
John Jackman..... 39 years
Nola Knouse.....12 years
William McElveen..... 63 years
Will Sibert.....35 years
Ramona Spencer.....16 years
Adam Goodrich.....4 years
Angelica Regalado.....4 years
Leslie Cox.....2 years

Director of Christian Education Anniversaries

Beth Hayes.....31 years
Donna Hurt.....26 years

Congratulations and God Bless You!

For Your September Calendar

- 6 Labor Day – PEC Office Closed
- 9 PEC Meeting
- 27-30 MMA Retreat, Laurel Ridge
- 23 PEC Meeting

Commission on Congregational Development September 2021

Virtual Faith Formation Plan for Fall 2021 for You

Many of you are aware of the strong suggestion from provincial PEC's encouraging faith formation to be done in the Fall, but do it virtually via Zoom . If you do insist on doing in person faith formation, it should be outside only with social distancing and masked. With this in mind, the two provinces are providing zoom opportunities in a blog post that will be located on a password protected site on the Moravian BCM website entitled Virtual Faith Formation. The direct link to this site is <https://www.moravian.org/bcm/2021/01/19/virtual-faith-formation-2021-2022/>

The lesson plans are being created in a collaborative effort by Beth Hayes and Marie Coutts. You will have the opportunity to buy into one of two options or you may choose to buy both options and use one in the Fall and one in the Winter. These will be very thorough lesson plans for sessions to last between 30-45 minutes. There are several ways you may choose to use this gift of lesson plans once you pay the fee and attend the question and answer session. The cost will be \$12.00 for each of the Fall units or \$24.00 for both options. This is payable to the Board of Cooperative Ministries and can be invoiced to your church at your request. Different ways they can be utilized:

- Leaders can take lesson plans and lead via a Zoom session at their designated time.
- Plans, especially the family gathering version, can be emailed directly to families and they can be used in family settings.
- Join one of the collaborative Zoom sessions at 9:30 on Sunday morning led by Jami Vandock, Angelica Regulado, and Beth Hayes. This requires preregistration to participate and it will be recorded so that it can be used at another time during the week that might be more convenient. There is a possibility of a second collaborative Zoom gathering at 4:00 on Sunday afternoon. The preregistration will be explained on the question and answer Zoom call.

The two options and their scope and sequence is as follows:

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Option One: Messy Church- A New Beginning to be held in September and Growing in God’s Love - People Jesus Met to be held in October and November

- Sept 12 Messy Church, A New Beginning Ecclesiastes 3-1-10
- Sept 19 Messy Church, A New Beginning Isaiah 43:18-19
- Sept 26 Messy Church, A New Beginning Isaiah 43:18-19
- Oct 3 Growing in God’s Love, People Jesus Met, Luke 19:1-10, The Short Man
- Oct 10 Growing in God’s Love, People Jesus Met, Two Sisters Luke, 10:38-42
- Oct 17 Growing in God’s Love, People Jesus Met, Very Thirsty Woman, John 4:1-32
- Oct 24 Growing In God’s Love, People Jesus Met, Jesus Meets Disciples, Mark 1:16-20
- Oct 31 Growing In God’s Love, People Jesus Met, Rich Man, Luke 18:18-30
- Nov 7 Growing In God’s Love, People Jesus Met, The Miracle Catch, John 21:1-14
- Nov 14 Growing In God’s Love, People Jesus Met, Thankful Woman, Luke 4:36-48
- Nov 21 Growing In God’s Love, People Jesus Met, Thankful Man, Luke 17:11-19

Option Two: Messy Church, A New Beginning and Seas, Roads, and Mountains

- Sept 12 Messy Church, A New Beginning, Ecclesiastes 3:1-10
- Sept 19 Messy Church, A New Beginning, Isaiah 43:18-19
- Sept 26 Messy Church, A New Beginning, Isaiah 43:18-19
- Oct 3 Messy Church, Bible Seaside - “House on the Rock” - Matthew 7:24-27
- Oct 10 Messy Church, Bible Seaside - “Creation of Water” - Genesis 1:1-2
- Oct 17 Messy Church, Bible Seaside - “Calling the Disciples” - Luke 5:1-11
- Oct 24 Messy Church, Bible Roads - “The Good Samaritan” - Luke 10:25-37
- Oct 31 Messy Church, Bible Roads - “The Good Samaritan” - Luke 10:25-37
- Nov 7 Messy Church, Bible Roads - “Moses Leads Israelites out of Egypt” - Exodus 13:17-22
- Nov 14 Messy Church, Bible Mountains - “Ten Commandments” - Exodus 19:16-20:17
- Nov 21 Messy Church, Bible Mountains - “Sermon on the Mount” - Matthew 5:25-34

The question and answer Zoom sessions are at 10:00 on Tuesday August 31 and 7:00 on Tuesday August 31. When you indicate your interest by emailing bhayes@mcsp.org, you will receive a Zoom link for the appointed session.

All lesson plans will be on a password protected site on the Moravian BCM site labeled under resources, Virtual Faith Formation. The September options will be loaded by August 31. The October sessions will be added by September 15. The November sessions will be added by October 15. There are supply lists of very basic supplies for each session so that if you choose to do goodie bags, you may do this.

Confirmation Classes

We are pleased to announce that we have scheduled two retreats to aid confirmation classes that are meeting to help congregations teach Moravian history and missions to confirmation classes. These retreats are being led by Sister Marie Coutts from the Moravian Church North who have had experience leading them there for several years. They are hosted by the Moravian Board of Cooperative Ministries.

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The first one is scheduled for **Saturday, October 16, 2021 at Kernersville Moravian from 10-3**. This will be focusing on Moravian history and customs and practices. It will be an outside event with face masking required. A picnic lunch will be held. All confirmation classes, their mentors, pastors, and parents are invited to register. It is not a provincial youth event but a confirmation event for classes who have formed for confirmation. Since it is an outdoor event, a rain date of **November 6 has been set**.

The second retreat will happen in the Spring and focuses on Moravian Missions. It will be held most probably at Laurel Ridge on **April 2 with details to follow**.

To register: your church must be involved in offering a confirmation class at this time and fill out the registration form online to attend.

In Their Steps: The History of Us Confirmation One-Day Family Retreat

October 16, 10:00am-3:00pm (Rain Date: November 6)

Location: Outdoors @ Kernersville Moravian Church

Program Leaders: Marie Coutts, DCE, Eastern District, Northern Province
Jami Vandock, DCE, Raleigh Moravian Church
Christy Clore, Pastor, Kernersville Moravian

Marie Coutts will lead us on a walking journey into our past as we learn about and reflect on the life, witness, and impact of John Hus, John Amos Comenius, Nicholas Von Zinzendorf, Christian David, Anna Nitschmann and the Herrnhut community. She will also introduce us to many Moravian customs and practices in engaging experiential learning centers.

Submitted by Beth Hayes

Moravian Music Foundation News

September 2021



Part 1 of the Festival was held completely online in July, 2021, and focused its energies on learning and sharing, with lots of social time to connect and fellowship. Concerts were pre-recorded and premiered each evening, with the Sunday and Friday evenings taking the form of a Singstunde. These services and other Festival concerts are available free to the public and on-demand on our **Festival YouTube Channel** - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCero445SAF_fSB9-bYWbhkA

An additional 30+ hours of sessions, webinars, lectures, interviews, and instructional video are available by registering for an **ACCESS PASS** at <https://www.moravianmusicfestival.org/access-pass-2021/>

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And, the 26th Festival is **not yet over**. We are planning a **PART 2** – in-person in Bethlehem, July 26-30, 2022!

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2021 Annual Meeting & Concert **CANCELLED**



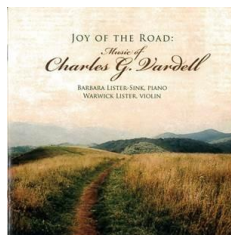
Due to rising Covid numbers and restrictions, MMF will **NOT** be holding a **public Annual Meeting & Concert** on September 24, 2021. We hope to reschedule in 2022.

MMF will be holding its fall Trustee meetings, in September, online.

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MMF has released its latest CD of violin and piano music by Charles G. Vardell, former Dean of Music at Salem College. Barbara Lister-Sink and Warwick Lister perform.

The CD is JOY OF THE ROAD and is available at www.moravianmusic.org



Submitted by Erik Salzwedel

PEC News September 2021

The Provincial Elders' Conference had its regular meetings August 12 and 26, with all members participating. Aug 12, three members joined via video conferencing. Time at each meeting was invested in prayer for the work and witness of our congregations, and for pastors, staff and church leadership.

SYNOD / STRATEGIC DIRECTION

PEC received reports and updates from the Synod Planning Committee; made contacts to secure a parliamentarian; supported the work of the Nominations and the Program/Leadership Teams; and, conducted a Synod preparation meeting for pastors on Aug. 19. PEC discussed and responded to recent activity of the group known as Concerned Moravians; and, received reports from the continuing work of the Moravian Team for Racial, Cultural and Ethnic Reconciliation, including a pilot program held Aug. 4 titled "Salem Walk," focused on the lives and witness of three individuals who were enslaved by Moravians.

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CHURCHES AND LEADERS

PEC received a report from the Commission on Ministry; assigned Presbyter mentors to work with three candidates after ordination as Deacons; and received information about an opportunity to form a clergy cohort for a one-year learning experience as part of the Moravian Ministers' Connection program (funded by the Lilly Foundation). PEC discussed the possibilities for three pastors from other denominations to serve in our Province; prepared for the four remaining quadrennial reviews this season; and received a report from Dave Marcus and David Guthrie on their Aug. 6-8 visit to Margate Fellowship, Prince of Peace, New Hope, King Nani Kingka (King of Kings) and Palm Beach churches. PEC made decisions for congregations in various stages of call processes, including: Ardmore, Bethabara, Bethania, Christ, First Greensboro, Hopewell and Union Cross. PEC accepted with regret the resignation of Nicole Crabbe as Assistant Archivist, with much appreciation for her 22 years of service; and, discussed plans for the 'PEC night' at the Moravian Ministry Association retreat Sept. 27.

BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

PEC met with Rebecca Craver August 26 as she begins her ministry as Director of Congregational Development; and acted on a request from the Archives Commission to move toward having one staff person – a professional Archivist. PEC approved communication to congregations from Salem Academy and College about ways to support a re-enactment of the 1766 journey of young women from Bethlehem, PA to Salem (part of the 250th anniversary celebration).

INTERPROVINCIAL, UNITY and ECUMENICAL

PEC approved a plan developed by Marie Coutts (Eastern District, Director of Christian Education) and Beth Hayes to support congregations with virtual Sunday school and Christian Education for fall; received reports on the change in status of Moravian College to Moravian University; noted Guthrie will travel in early September for a Unity Executive Committee meeting in Europe; and received an invitation for the PEC President to participate in the Moravian Worship and Polity class at Moravian Seminary in November.

OTHER MATTERS

PEC continued to work on assembling and delivering resources about our Moravian identity and heritage, including arranging to send the new Moravian Catechism to Southern Province households.

PEC will meet September 9 and 23.

Submitted by David Guthrie, PEC President

Laurel Ridge News *September 2021*



Mint Ridge Mayhem at Mint Ridge Disc Golf Course, Laurel Ridge Summer Camp

September 11th, 2021 8am

Registration available on discgolfscene.com

1st annual disc golf tourney at Laurel Ridge Summer Camp. Mint Ridge Disc Golf Course is a scenic, traditional North Carolina course with beautiful vistas all over the mountain top. Still looking for sponsorship opportunities to support this awesome event, pro players from all over the carolinas. Summer Camp sleeping arrangements can be made through the front office (336-359-2951), and you can email michael@laurelridge.org with questions. Follow us at Mint Ridge DGC.

The Laurel Ridge Open, Golf Tournament at Reynolds Park ***October 9th, 2021 8am***

Registration available through emailing michael@laurelridge.org

Help us celebrate our 60th year of camping ministry through this exciting event at Reynolds Park. A day full of good friends, fellowship and food...while you enjoy the links. Looking for tournament support from churches and families to make events like these special, reach out if you would like to help out!

60+1 Anniversary Lovefeast at Friedland Moravian Church ***October 10th, 2021 4:30pm***

On the lawn at Friedland, we will gather to celebrate the impact of Laurel Ridge on the lives of many. Join us and raise your voice to the wonderful place that we all know and love!

Submitted by Michael Sawtelle

Salem Congregation ***September 2021 News***

FALL BAND CLASSES will begin September 7, 2021 at Home Moravian Church. Sponsored jointly with Salem Congregation, Beginning Band Classes as well as Second and Third Year classes will once again be offered under the leadership of Robah Ogburn and Connie Merritt. Each Tuesday night, the beginners' class will meet at 6:30 p.m. for all ages 6th grade and up (we have had students starting in their 80's). Second and Third Year players meet for class at 7:30pm. The classes are held in the Rehearsal Room on the lower level of the Rhondthaler building. If you do not know what instrument you want to learn, the leaders will help you make that decision on

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first night. Please contact Connie (kapwing@triad.rr.com) or Robah (RobahOgburn@Yahoo.com) if you have questions or need additional information. We will be watching data on COVID infections and will keep everyone informed about any COVID protocols that may be put in place.

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