



PROVINCIAL TIES

February 2022



— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

UNITY PRAYER DAY and OFFERING

Each year Moravian churches around the world celebrate the founding of the Unitas Fratrum (March 1, 1457) and receive a special "Unity Offering" for an important project or cause somewhere in the Moravian world. Sunday, March 6, 2022 is the Day of Prayer for Unity Work. Congregations are invited to pray for our worldwide church and to receive a special offering. This year the Unity Prayer Day Offering will benefit "Support of Refugee Resettlement in North America", a work done by the American Board of World Mission (ABWM) together with congregations of the Moravian Church, Southern and Northern Province, North America. The project assists refugees in their transition from their native homelands to their new homes in North America. After gathering contributions, congregations may send one check to the Provincial Finance Office clearly indicating that it is for the Unity Offering.

Update from the Commission on Congregational Development *February 2022*

We are settling into our new spaces and would love to have you drop by for a tour or to check out items from the resource center. Many of you may have already seen this short video from December 2021 just before we moved our offices from the Boys' school to Cedarhyrst, but I wanted to share it in case you missed it. There will be more videos coming with some "after" shots and a virtual tour of the new space! To keep up with those updates, subscribe to the Essentials ENews [here](#).
<https://youtu.be/SO21x2FS0B8>

As we move into 2022 we are looking forward to introducing the Commission members, an updated website and new online library catalogue for the resource center where we will share some of the ideas that are bubbling up for congregational development.

- I am still scheduling meetings with folks to hear about the things that you and your congregations are working towards and what it might look like to support you. Please reach out and we can set up a time to chat via Zoom or in person.
- There will be a Mini-Leadership Focus with the roll out of our updated website during the week of February 21-26, 2022.
- Walter Bishop is working with us to assess and evaluate the Regional Conferences of Churches so please make time to speak with him and share your experiences so that we can benefit from learning and improve this aspect of our shared ministry.
- We are also beginning the Spring Quadrennial Review processes with Rolling Hills, Prince of Peace, Fulp, Fairview, Home, King, and New Philadelphia.

Feel free to email me at rcraver@mcspp.org or call the office at 336-722-8126 with thoughts, questions, and hopes you have for the future!

Submitted by The Rev. Rebecca Craver, Director, Commission on Congregational Development

DAY OF PRAYER SERVICES FOR 2022

March 2, 2022 11:00 A.M. Home Moravian Ash Wednesday, Speaker: Rev. Emily Norris, The service will be available in person and live streamed on the Home Church Web page. Click on Live broadcasts to access the service.
<https://www.homemoravian.org/index.php/live-broadcasts/>

March 6, 2:00 P.M. Christ Moravian, Speaker: Rev. Reed Lawson. Band prelude. The service will be in person only. Lovefeast.

March 9, 2022 11:00 A.M. Trinity Moravian, Speaker: Rev. Ginny Tobiassen. The service will be in person only. Lunch will be served after the service.

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March 16, 11:00 A.M. Ardmore Moravian, Speaker: Rev. Joe Moore. Refreshments will be served before the service at 10:00 A.M. The service will be in person and online. To access the online service: www.FACEBOOK.com/ArdmoreMoravian/videos

March 23, 11:00 A.M. Calvary Moravian, Speaker: Rev. Adam Goodrich. Coffee served at 10:00 P.M. This service will be in person only.

March 30, 11:00 A.M. Fairview Moravian, Speaker: Rev. Tony Hayworth. The service will be in person only.

April 6, 11:00 A.M. Konnoak Moravian, Speaker: Rev. Fran Saylor. The service will be in person and online. To access the online service: <http://www.khmoravian.org/> Select “YouTube Chanel” at the top of the page. No Lovefeast planned at the time of this publication.

“Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent...My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one.” John 17&ff

In the short devotion “52 Hebrew Words Every Christian Should Know”, Dave Adamson reminds his readers that Hebrew words go well beyond their spoken pronunciation with multiple meanings.

One such term is “Shalom” or peace, which we regularly think of as the absence of trouble or anxiety in our daily existence. However, something like “whole” or “complete” may be closer to the mark. For this particular expression, Adamson suggests “being absolutely integrated with God and others” may be the best consideration of its intended meaning.

What caught my attention about this specific understanding is the author’s observation that in ancient Jewish culture, “peace was valued more than truth.” In other words, “to be unified with God and others is more important than to be right.”

Eventually, he advocates that the truth can be elusive because when we are deeply divided we find difficulty in just talking with each other. As it relates to some of the most pressing matters in our culture and our churches this feels accurate.

To some extent, the middle ground where understanding can often occur has been disparaged in recent years. When this happens the peace that can lead to truth grieves and antagonism is placed between ourselves and our brothers and sisters in the faith.

It has been said that there can often be unintended consequences for just having conversations about some of our most pressing issues facing the church. However, usually this is noted in a negative way, mainly because this is frequently the experience that we garner from such conversations. In our partisanship, of whatever side, of whatever issue one might be aligned, the struggle to stay in community is real.

But, does it have to be this way? Can we bring a new civility or peace (shalom) to our conversations?

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Maybe this is why the admonitions of the High Priestly Prayer appear so urgent for the Christian Community today. In that moment, the Lord prayed for three realities: to be returned to the Father in glory, protection for His disciples and their coming persecution for being aligned with him, and for all those who would eventually follow (us) that we might be bonded together.

In this season of Epiphanies may the power of the One we serve bind us close as we seek to find our collective way in Him!

Shalom,

Chris



During these difficult times, our neighbors are experiencing more need for assistance than ever before. To continue to meet the demand, Sunnyside Ministry is seeking a full-time Food/Clothing Assistant.

This position will be working with both the Food Pantry and Clothing Center. The candidate will assist in completing and distributing food orders. Organizing the Clothing Center. The candidate will assist with building maintenance.

The ideal candidate will have a heart for service.

This is a full-time position Monday-Thursday 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Friday 8:00 AM-12:00 PM. There may be occasional weekend hours for food drives and events. The candidate must be able to lift 50-75 pounds regularly and must have a clean driving record to drive the Sunnyside Ministry truck.

For more information contact:

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Sunnyside Ministry Scholarship application period is now open.

Sunnyside Ministry is excited to announce the application period for the Sunnyside Ministry Scholarship Program is now open. The Class of 2022 marks the 24th class of scholars for Sunnyside Ministry.

High school seniors, who reside or attend high school in the Sunnyside Ministry Service area, including Southern Forsyth and Northern Davidson Counties, may apply. You may contact Sunnyside Ministry if you want to confirm that you meet residency requirements.

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The Scholarship Committee considers many areas when making their decision. Still, the prime focus is on students who exhibit a benevolent spirit. This focus and the careful and prayerful consideration of applicants have led the program to a 96% graduation rate.

The scholarship is awarded for four years at **\$900.00 per semester**. It includes an **\$800.00** gift card for purchases at the student's campus bookstore.

Sunnyside Ministry is proud of the graduates from this program who change lives every day. Doctors, nurses, psychologists and counselors, social workers, teachers, and even a Moravian Minister are the former Scholars that have been a part of this program over the last 23 years.

To apply, complete the application online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SunnysideMinistryScholarshipApp2022>



The photograph shows Jocelyn Bennett (left) and Dr. Padonda Boyd Webb. Dr. Webb is the first Sunnyside Ministry Scholar and is now Clinical Director, North Carolina A&T State University Health Services. She said I am forever indebted to Sunnyside Ministries for helping my grandmother send me to college! When asked about being the first scholar. Jocelyn Bennett, a senior at NC A&T State University, is in the 20th class of Sunnyside Ministry Scholars and will graduate this spring with a degree in accounting. She will be starting the Master's Program in Accounting at NC A&T this fall.

Submitted by David Holston, Director Sunnyside Ministry

Concerns and Celebrations

Death:

The Rev. **David R. Burkette**, age 95, joined the heavenly Church Triumphant Friday, January 7, 2022. David served pastorates at: Clemmons, Bethania, Fries Memorial, Rolling Hills and Calvary Moravian. He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy, in January 2020. A family graveside service and internment was held Thursday, January 13 at 10:00 am, God's Acre, in Salem. A memorial service followed at Calvary Moravian Church, 11:00 am. David is survived by two sons: The Rt. Rev. Dr. D. Wayne Burkette, wife Nancy and Dr. Gary D. Burkette, wife Melissa; and six grandchildren, two step grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren. Please be in prayer for the family in the days to come.

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Ordination Anniversaries for February 2022

Paul Couch, Jr.....28 years
Tim Sapp.....16 years
Craig Troutman.....40 years
Steve Wilson.....46 years
Andrew Heil.....9 years
Fran Saylor.....4 years

DCE Anniversary for February 2022

Joyce Vance.....22 years

Congratulations and God Bless You!

Moravian Ministries Foundation in America February 2022



Moravian Day of Giving 2022

We welcome 2022 with our second annual Moravian Day of Giving, which will be Tuesday, March 1 (also the anniversary of the beginning of the Unity of the Brethren, Shrove Tuesday, and Mardi Gras). Our sponsoring bishops this year are [The Rt. Rev. Blair Couch](#) and [The Rt. Rev. Carol Foltz](#). Stay tuned for more information from them in the Moravian Magazine and social media.

We have two matching donors this year: Susan & [Herbert Spaugh, Jr.](#) of Charlotte, NC will match dollar for dollar the first \$25k given to any Field of Interest Fund through the [Giving Portal](#) on March 1. These grant-making funds include:

- Hunger & Thirst
- Housing & Shelter
- Healing & Health
- Clothing
- Prison Ministry
- Environmental Stewardship
- Prevention of Violence Against Women
- Racial Awareness, Equity, & Reconciliation

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Submitted by Vince Holbrook

PEC News February 2022

The Provincial Elders' Conference met on January 6 in person and via Zoom on January 21, with all members participating. As with every meeting, PEC spent time in devotion and prayer for our congregations, ministers, and members. In addition, PEC met with the Provincial Organization Core Team at a separate time to receive and discuss a report of their ongoing work. The topics of our meetings included:

Congregational Development: received updates on the formation of the commission; reviewed the schedule of quadrennial reviews for spring 2022; discussed call processes relating to Ardmore, Hopewell, Bethabara, Leaksville, Hope, Union Cross; received updates from the various emerging ministries (The Table, Estamos Unidos, The Dwelling, Anthony's Plot, Come and Worship); discussed the activities and leadership for the Florida-Georgia RCC, in particular the challenges and opportunities for the South Florida Pastorate.

Commission on Ministry: received updates regarding current and potential candidates for ministry; received an update on the most recently-formed First Call Cohort (there have been others in past years); discussed a request for appointment to Specialized Ministry; discussed clergy coaching relating to new and emerging ministries.

Synod Planning and Implementation: received updates from various areas of synod planning; approved the Synod Planning Committee's request to move the delegate gathering to Saturday, April 23 (it will remain a virtual gathering).

Administration and Finance: received updates from the Salemtowne Board of Trustees and the Archives; discussed some financial and property matters; discussed matters relating to COVID-19 and our congregations.

The Provincial Elders' Conference will meet on February 3 and 17, 2022.

Submitted by The Rev. Dr. Nola Knouse, Vice President, PEC

For Your February Calendar

3 - PEC Meeting
18-20 Laurel Ridge, Winter Journey
17 - PEC Meeting

Laurel Ridge News February 2022

**Join us for fellowship, meals and worship.
Along with a program track of your choosing.**

February 18-20, 2022 Higgins Lodge

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Registration includes room, 6 meals and program.

Salem wing single occupancy, \$275 per person

Salem wing double occupancy, \$350 per couple

Bishop wing single occupancy, \$230 per person

Bishop wing double occupancy, \$330 per couple

Call Karen Eagle at Higgins Lodge to make your reservation.

336-359-8238 or email at guest@laurelridge.org

Track 1 - "Sing All: A Study on Worship and Congregational song" Led by Rev. Mason Cantey and his Wife Rev. Maggie Cantey. You will be taking a closer look at the music of the Church and its importance in Christian worship. Maybe even give hymn writing a try.

Track 2 - "Forest Bathing" led by Henry Fansler. A member of the Moravian Task force for Environmental Stewardship, Henry will give you the opportunity to connect with Christ in an environment created by God. This track will include hiking suitable trails.

Track 3 - "Pastels and Creative Writing" led by Rev Bill Gramley. You will get your hands dirty for two sessions creating pastel pictures. Two sessions will be spent writing about what we've learned, remembered, and observed about ourselves and others on our earthly journey. Materials provided.

Submitted by Scarlett Dowdy

Laurel Ridge Event

Music, food, and fun for the whole family!

Join us May 28th, 2022

12:00-4:00pm

Come and see what a week at camp is like!



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