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March 2022



— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

2022 Watchword for the Southern Province

The 2022 Watchword for the Southern Province: But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him! Habakkuk 2:20

Provincial Women's Board

Save the Date: The Spiritual Life Retreat at Laurel Ridge will be held Friday, September 16 - Sunday, September 18. The Rev. Victoria Lasley will be our facilitator.

All women of the Province are invited to come and share a weekend of fellowship with your Moravian sisters. More information to come in the following weeks.

Submitted by Cindy Lamb

From the Provincial Financial Office

New Employee – The Provincial Financial Office is pleased to announce that Karen Macon has joined our team as the Payroll/Accounts Receivable Administrator. Karen's hours will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00 – 4:30 and Wednesday 9:00 – 1:00. Karen's email is kmacon@mcsp.org and her direct phone number 336-531-0025. Please continue to send all payroll vouchers and payroll matters to payroll@mcsp.org. Please join me in welcoming Karen.

2022 Church Budgets—The 2022 Budgets were due to the Provincial Financial Office December 15, 2021. There are many that have not been submitted. Please get those in as soon as possible.

Submitted by Robyn Glance, Chief Financial Officer

Salem Walk: Spring 2022

The Moravian Team for Racial, Cultural, and Ethnic Reconciliation (MTR) invites you to sign up for a "Salem Walk" experience this spring, an in-person opportunity to learn about the lives of three people enslaved by the Moravian church/individuals between 1771 and 1860. The experience (walk, conversation, and worship) will take around two hours.

After gathering in Salem, we will split into three groups, each group focusing on the life of one individual: Sambo/Abraham, Cathy, or Phoebe. Their stories will be shared by walking to visit places where they lived, worked, and are buried. We will then gather together again for discussion and worship.

Pre-registration is required.

- Register by emailing Heather Stevenson at the Moravian Center for Congregational Development: hstevenson@mcsp.org.
- Provide your name, email and contact information.
- Let Heather know which event you plan to attend.
- You'll receive more specific information near the date of the walk.

If you have further questions, contact Betsy Bombick at (336) 723-2281 or bbombick@gmail.com

Please be prepared for a lot of walking, some of it on uneven ground. We will cancel if it is raining.

Dates:

Saturday morning March 5, 10 – 12 Tuesday morning March 15, 10-12 AM Tuesday evening April 5, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Submitted by Betsy Bombick

"Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore, he will rise up to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!"

Isaiah 30:18

Lenten Musings

According to my old Church History professor one of, if not the first times the term Christian is used to describe the followers of Christ occurred in Antioch, Syria (Acts 11:26). However, sometime before this, after our Lord's death and resurrection punctuated so completely by the Cross of Calvary, the people who followed Him became known as "People of the Way".

This designation was made because of how they lived out their faith. This description cannot be undervalued, because as we know from our seminary days to be identified with Christ meant persecution and ultimately death. Yet as a great apologist of the Christian faith would later attest their passion for following their Lord could not be deterred.

As a denomination of faith in the 21st century, far removed from the dusty barren hills of Palestine and Jerusalem of that time, we along with our Ecumenical partners and others all around the world seek to recapture the passion of those events to help inform our communities of faith for today.

We do this, as we have always done, by turning our spiritual vitalities to the season of Lent interrupted by Ash Wednesday, bordered by the week of Passion, lamented by Good Friday and regenerated by the good news of Easter Morning to continue to be, "those people".

As we execute and plan activities for those we shepherd and who shepherd us may our ideas and energies be fruitful for the in-breaking kingdom that we faithfully serve.

Serving together, Chris

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 A.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.

Concerns and Celebrations

Retirement: Brother **Craig Troutman** requested and was given permission to retire from active ministry of the Moravian Church effective May 31, 2022. Brother Troutman was ordained a deacon in the Moravian Church on February 14, 1982 and consecrated a presbyter December 20, 1987. For the first three years of his ministry Brother Troutman served as Associate Pastor of Ardmore Moravian Church in Winston-Salem, NC and for the following 37 years he served as Pastor of the Raleigh Moravian Church in Raleigh, NC. We express deep appreciation to Craig for his faithful and dedicated service to the Moravian Church and wish him many blessings in retirement.

Ordination Anniversaries for March 2022

Margaret Leinbach	18 years
Zachary Dease	9 years
Leslie Venable	35 years

Congratulations and God Bless You!



Moravian Ministries Foundation in America March 2022

Worried about money?

By Laura Watson

You're not alone. Most polls find that nearly three-fourths of Americans are anxious about their finances. There's good news, though: God wants program that your Moravian Ministries Foundation in America is partnering with this year to help. It's time to get FreedUp!



Click link to continue reading: https://mmfa.info/blog/worried-about-money/



PEC News March 2022

The Provincial Elders' Conference met by zoom on February 8 and February 17. Members of the PEC shared in prayer for the congregations, ministers, members, and families, and took action as needed in various areas of the province's life and ministry.

Administration and Finance: PEC discussed property matters; received an update on the archivist search; and approved a change in the bylaws of Salemtowne.

Commission on Ministry: PEC received reports and recommendations regarding candidates for ministry; continued discussion of a request for appointment to Specialized Ministry; approved Brother Craig Troutman's request to retire at the end of May with gratitude for his 40 years of service under call; and received a report on clergy coaching relating to new and emerging ministries.

Commission on Congregational Development: PEC received reports from quadrennial reviews; discussed call processes at Leaksville, Union Cross, Ardmore, and Hope; received reports and requests concerning supply and interim pastoral leadership at Bethabara, Mizpah, and Hopewell.

PEC will meet on March 3 and 17.

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

For Your March Calendar

- 3- PEC Board Meeting
- 5 Salem Walk, 10-12
- 12 Provincial Confirmation Retreat, part 2, Friedland Moravian Church, 10 am-3 pm
- 15 Salem Walk, 10-12
- 17 PEC Board Meeting

Christ the King Property

The Provincial Elders Conference reports that it has completed the sale of Moravian Church Southern Province property in Durham, N.C., formerly the site of Christ the King Moravian Church. The province officially closed Christ the King Moravian Church in September 2019 after most of its members and its clergy chose to leave the Moravian Church. The buyer is a new church named Christ the King Community Church, affiliated with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, and the purchase price was negotiated in part on a fair market value appraisal of the property. Under Southern Province policy, proceeds from the property sale have replenished the church development fund from which monies were drawn for the initial purchase of the property in the 1980s.

Submitted by Christopher Thore, PEC President



For Your Address Book

Reed Lawson's new address: 2905 Springhaven Drive, Winston Salem, NC, 27103

News from the Widow's Society

Due to the VIRUS, the annual meeting has been cancelled.

The Board did meet on January 26 at Hope Moravian Church. Approved at this meeting was the amount to be given to the Widow recipients in the March check. The Board was happy to announce that the check for March would be \$600.00.

Also approved was the Board and members Errors and Omissions insurance. The Society is open for new members. Call Bill Campbell for information and an application. 336-403-3209.

Submitted by Bill Campbell

Moravian Music Foundation News March 2022



Please visit our "Celebrating Excellence" page and write a note to Nola or Gwyn in the comments section!

For more information about MMF's transition plan, please visit the MMF <u>CAREERS page</u> and click on the *Transition Timeline* button.

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Moravian Music Foundation

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The Executive Director of the Moravian Music Foundation (MMF) provides leadership, financial oversight, and staff supervision of the MMF. The Executive Director is based at the main offices of the MMF, in Winston-Salem, North—Carolina, and oversees all collections and operations of the Foundation, including in the Bethlehem, Pennsylvania office.

Position Announcement **Executive Director**, Moravian Music Foundation

To apply, please submit a cover letter with curriculum vitae or résumé, including 3 – 5 professional references to:

Barbara Howard, Chair of Search Committee

MMFexecdirectorsearch@gmail.com

Full Announcement and Job Description at moravianmusic.org/position-executive-director/

MUSIC ON THE MOUNTAIN

CANCELLED

Due to uncertainty about safely gathering and singing/playing/dining together in the current pandemic, we regret that this event is cancelled for 2022. Please visit our web page for links to supporting Laurel Ridge and Mountain Laurel Fellowship, in our absence. Laurel Ridge Camp, Conference & Retreat Ctr

THE VOYAGE HOME GEMEINKAT VIDEO PRESENTATION

with Nola R. Knouse, Director

A Worldwide Musical Resource, Indeed!

Join us for a walk-through of the MMF Catalog, its history, and the GemeinKat Project to create digital records and share them with the world on WORLDCAT.org and RISM - and the plan to complete the project!

Concerts on Central Moravian's YouTube Channel

Concerts on Central Moravian's <u>YouTube Channel</u> Moravian Music Foundation's <u>YouTube Channel</u> Moravian Music Festival's <u>YouTube Channel</u>

Moravian Music Sunday

Resources for your church, including music, liturgies, order of service, bulletin inserts, and more.

MAY 15, 2022

Let MMF do the planning for one service this year.

Materials have been posted and are available on the website!

All you need to plan worship is here.



Our theme this year is the 300th Anniversary of Herrnhut!

To follow activities planned for the celebrations in Herrnhut, Germany, click here. MMF will post updates



Live, and in person, in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. *Enter it now on your calendar!*

FIND INFORMATION AS IT COMES TOGETHER AT www.moravianmusicfestival.org

WE ARE NOT QUITE READY TO TAKE REGISTRATIONS.

Registration will begin soon.

Please watch for further announcements.

Submitted by Erik J Salzwedel

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