



PROVINCIAL TIES

November 2022



— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

All Saints Day Launches Us into a Season of Gratitude

All Saints Day or All Hollow's Day offers an important focus point for entry into the month of November. It traces back to the 4th century. In the 9th century, some communities in the British Isles began observing this day on November 1. Eventually it became the official date throughout the Roman Catholic Church.

All Saints Day was carried over into several Protestant communities – including Moravians and Lutherans. In the Middle Ages it included gathering for special worship on the evening of Oct 31 and observing a special time of sabbath through the evening of Nov 1.

It was set apart from all other special feast days for given saints because it drew attention to many witnesses to the faith who had been an encourager or an example for living a daily Christian walk. It carried with it a sense of the “people’s day” or

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“everybody’s day.” Consider that November launches a portion of the secular calendar of holiday gatherings and feasting with family and friends that stretches all the way to Super Bowl Sunday for some folks. In our family, November stands out because there is a concentration of birthdays, which gives more reasons for gathering and celebrating one another.

No doubt it was the original theme of All Saints Day as a time to celebrate the lives of people who impact you directly – family, friends, co-workers, church members – that inspired Martin Luther to nail his 95 statements of protest to the door of the Whittenburg Cathedral in 1517 – which subsequently sparked the German Protestant Reformation. It happened on Oct 31, but at the beginning of the two-day observance of All Saints – or “everybody’s day.”

What does All Saints mean to you? Covid has changed a lot of things about how people perceive meaning. And how we process life as a church community. Especially given that for two years many congregations remained mostly closed to in-person gatherings. Many congregations, like the one I served most recently, had to learn how to shift to digital worship expressions.

This wasn’t all bad. Worship teams learned to be more creative. To value symbolic expressions. Especially visual representations found in altar decorations and object lessons, new liturgies, and music forms.

Among the greatest challenges covid presented, is that it dampened our ability to grieve and process loss. Funerals and memorial services had to take on different forms for a while. One hang over is that our culture carries a lot of grief and loss that has yet to be processed well.

All Saints Day observances for several Christian traditions and congregations carry a “Memorial Day” or “Easter Sunrise” aspect. Pausing to read the names of the people from the congregation who have passed since the last All Saints Day. Several local Moravian congregations have included a running list of all those who have died since March 2020 when the pandemic began – a way to acknowledge the special grief some may be still carrying.

In my own life, I have discovered I have a pile of events of loss or disrupted relationships, which occurred around the first ten days of November. So much so, I would like the church staff to know this. My engine does not run the same during this time. I find my soul calls me to a slower pace of reflection and remembrance of those who have touched my life – those still living, and those who now are part of the church triumphant.

I invite you to join the new trend of turning all of November into a month of gratitude. Take stock of those people who have been a huge example in your life. Reach out to them and let them know your gratitude. If they are now in the immediate presence of our Savior, make time to pause and reflect on their impact in your life. And let God fan to flame more grace and love in your life through them.

Submitted by The Rev. Dr. Neil Routh, President, PEC

Concerns and Celebrations

Pastoral Changes:

The Rev. **Dana Myers** was installed as the Associate Pastor of Mission and Discipleship at Fries Memorial Moravian Church. Your prayers of support for Dana, Matt and Raine are appreciated.

The Rev. **Walter Bishop** has been appointed as the Intentional Interim as the New Dorp Moravian Church in Staten Island, NY. Please support Walter and Debbie as they make the transition to residence in the NYC area.

Ordination:

The Rev. **Madison White** was ordained at Calvary Moravian on November 6 at 3 PM by The Rt. Rev. Sam Gray. Come and Worship was the hosting congregation. Calvary Moravian generously provided their space for the event. Madi is presently serving in specialized ministry as a Chaplain at Wake Health/Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem. Please support Madi with your prayers.

Congregation Status:

We are happy to announce that the faith community of **Come and Worship** has been approved for status as a congregation in formation. This is the next step of a fellowship community toward full status as a congregation.

Ordination Anniversaries for November 2022

Russell Williams.....	12 years
Stuart Zimmerman.....	44 years
Rusty Rushing.....	5 years
Eulencine Christopher.....	17 years
Lisa Mullen.....	33 years
Illovis Gonzales.....	2 years
Jeffrey Coppage.....	29 years

Congratulations and God Bless You!

Correction: The Rev. Adriana Craver's first year anniversary was October 10. Congratulations!



Moravian Ministries Foundation Association

New investment partnership

Graystone Consulting

from Morgan Stanley

By Chris Spaugh

Moravian Ministries Foundation's Board of Trustees selected Graystone Consulting to be the go-forward investment partner for the foundation and the Moravian Common Fund. The foundation staff conducted a formal proposal request process to 10 investment firms for bids to manage the common fund. All ten firms replied and presented competitive responses. After review, and in-person interviews for the top three finalists, Graystone was selected. The MMFA team will work with Graystone to transition the assets of the Common Fund to their platform by December 31, 2022. Graystone is part of Morgan Stanley and they have been named among Barron's 2022 Top 100 Institutional Consulting Teams. They manage over \$7.8B in assets for religious organizations. They promise to serve as an extension of our staff and team providing back-office support, cybersecurity, and a host of analytical services.

Their unique focus on religious organizations and their ability to help us manage the Common Fund into the future was extremely attractive for us. They will also help us maintain low costs and opportunities for competitive investment returns into the future. I am excited about this new partnership and our enhanced ability to meet our investors goals into the future. As we work to transition, you will hear more about Graystone in the coming weeks and months. Please call me with questions anytime, and I look forward to meeting with you in 2023 to highlight the portfolio changes and opportunities.

News from the PEC

November 2022

October was a busy month of travel as PEC members attended in-person meetings of the Board of World Mission (Bethlehem, PA), the Trustees of Moravian University and Moravian Theological Seminary (Bethlehem, PA), and the Interprovincial Clergy Convocation (Adamstown, MD). We met via a virtual meeting on Oct 6.

We are actively engaged in call process conversations with Kernersville, Union Cross, and Grace. We have also offered consultation with Raleigh Moravian. We are in additional consultation with New Eden-Immanuel, Providence, Laurel Mountain Fellowship, and Ardmore. We have also partnered with Rebecca Craver to conduct several quadrennial reviews.

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Plans are underway for a planning retreat at Laurel Ridge (Nov 29- Dec 1), which will bring together the PEC with the Commission on Congregational Development and the Commission on Ministry to build an action plan for the remainder of this Synod cycle. We will also be participating in the FL-GA District clergy retreat in Atlanta (Dec 2-4), which will culminate in worship at 1st Church of Georgia and the installation ceremony of Elroy Christopher as the Interim Pastoral leader of the congregation.

PEC will meet Nov 3 (virtually) and Nov 17 (in-person).

Submitted by The Rev. Dr. Neil Routh, President, PEC

Moravian Music Foundation

Save the date

Friday, Dec. 16, 2022, 5pm - 9:00pm

Saturday, Dec. 17, 2022, 10am - 1:00pm

Music by a variety of choirs/ensembles

Food & Drink Vendors

Advent and Christmas items for sale

Fun & Festivities

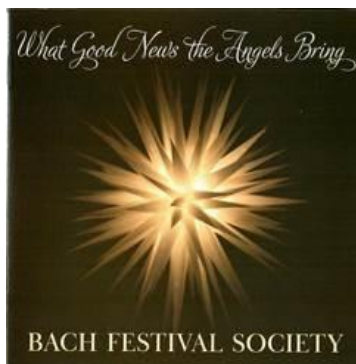
Activities for Children

Opportunities to meet Saint Nicholas

<https://moravianmusic.org/christmasfest/>



What Good News the Angels Bring



Begin your holiday shopping with a new Moravian Christmas CD from MMF produced in cooperation with the Bach Festival (Winter Park, FL) Choir and Orchestra, John V. Sinclair, Musical Director. 22 Moravian hymns and anthems beautifully sung and played. <https://moravianmusic.org/product/what-good-news-the-angels-bring/>

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Staff Recognition

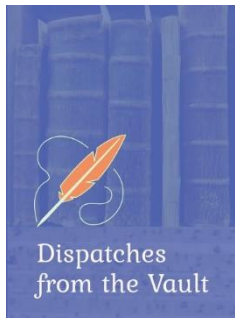
Archie K. Davis Award

Congratulations! to Barbara Strauss and David Blum, who were honored with the Archie K Davis Award at the annual meeting of the Wachovia Historical Society on October 18, 2022, for their many years of cataloging the collection of the [Moravian Music Foundation](https://moravianmusic.on.worldcat.org) in both the Northern and Southern Province holdings. The GemeinKat project involves migrating, editing, uploading, and in many cases, creating electronic records of each piece in the catalog and sharing it with the public, around the world, on moravianmusic.on.worldcat.org. Records of Moravian music in North American collections now appear on RISM as well. Tens of thousands of records have been shared!



<https://moravianmusic.org/awards/>

Dispatches from the Vault Southern Harmony and Musical Companion



For this first dispatch, Chris Ogburn, MMF Resident Musicologist, highlights an item from the Irving Lowens Collection, a significant, yet lesser-known collection housed here at the Archie K. Davis Center in Winston-Salem. Found in this collection are several editions of *The Southern Harmony and Musical Companion*, a four-shape tune book that was originally published in 1835. This one is from the library of Salem Congregation member, Antoinette Nading Reich. <https://moravianmusic.org/dispatches-from-the-vault/>

Call for Research Papers

Bethlehem Conference on Moravian History & Music, which will be held August 16-19, 2023. We welcome you to submit a proposal and accompanying one-page CV by January 1, 2023, by visiting the official conference website and then clicking on the appropriate link: www.moravianconferences.org. Opportunities to present individual papers, participate in panels, or present lecture recitals related to Moravian history and music.

Jeffrey Long, Conference Administrator

Submitted by Erik J Salzwedel, Moravian Music Foundation

Deadline to Register is midnight Nov 1.

save the date! seminary in the south november 7-9, 2022



moravian liturgy: tradition and transition

Moravian liturgies, are they rich and grounding? old and boring? mumbled repetitions? creative? stagnant? Depending on who I am with and how they are spoken, the liturgies can seem like any of the above.

We will begin by exploring the history and content of our liturgies and consider what liturgies may need updating or reworking. Finally, we will work together to see how we might address these needs, possibly creating new liturgies.

Your leader, Riddick Weber, is the Associate Professor the Practice of Ministry at Moravian theology Seminary. Since 2010 he taught courses related to Moravian worship, including how to work within Moravian Liturgical traditions. As part of this he has written and adapted liturgies and hymns.

Riddick is blessed by his wife Jane and her three daughters and by his three sons.



cost
single - \$275
double - 175
airport shuttle - \$35

To register <https://bit.ly/laurelridgeregistration>
or go to our website laurelridge.org and click on new
and events, seminary in the south

If you need assistance contact Scarlett Dowdy
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CCD Update November 2022

Faith Formation

If you would like to borrow these resources or visit our physical collection at Cedarhyrst, please contact us at **336.722.8126** or CCD@MCSP.org.

The Rev. Christy Clore, our Interim Faith Formation Coordinator, is now available for drop in hours and consultation on both Lending Library materials and other Christian Education and Faith Formation resources.

Drop-in Consultation Opportunities with Christy:

October 12 and 26 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, or call the number above to make an appointment.

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On-site congregational consults can also be requested and scheduled at times outside of these dedicated drop-in office hours.

Health and Wellness Ministry Resource

North Carolina Council of Churches has a mini-grant program for congregations of all sizes that are working to encourage greater health and wellness in their communities and beyond. We commend this opportunity to congregations for consideration. This granting cycle ends on November 30, 2022 but there are future cycles in 2023.

More Information Here: <https://www.ncchurches.org/programs/phw/phw-mini-grants/>

Upcoming Events to Share with Congregations

Saturday, November 19, 2022

Comenius Learning Series: Southern Moravians, their Neighbors, and Processes of Americanization in the Early Republic

Event Time: 9a-12p at New Philadelphia Moravian Church

This lecture presents the results of a multi-year collaboration among academic, not-for-profit institution-funded, and independent scholars who represent Moravian and non-Moravian perspectives, and published as an edited volume by Brill Academic Publisher in late 2022. The collaborative work led initially to an international “town and gown” conference at Wake Forest University in the fall of 2020. The conference brought together scholars and religious leaders to examine a rich cultural exchange that came to define the multi-ethnic Moravian-American character of North Carolina in the seminal decades before and after the American Revolution. While unique to the Wachovia region in its specifics, the dynamic Southern “meshwork” of cultural, social, religious, and artistic practices exchanged between Moravians and their white, Indigenous and free and enslaved African neighbors also invites intriguing questions about the character of the new nation as well as the future of the Moravian Church in a multi-ethnic, diverse South.

Register Here: <https://forms.gle/b9r7a26XY9S89TdbA>

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

For Your November Calendar

PEC Meeting (virtually) - **November 3**

PEC Meeting (in person) - **November 17**

Thanksgiving, PEC Offices Closed - **November 24 and 25**





Moravian Mountain Christmas December 2-4, 2022

Friday evening
6pm Dinner, lighting of
the Christmas tree and a
movie

Saturday
The fun begins at 10:00am
and ends with dinner and a
movie

Sunday
9:00am Brunch
and worship

Reserve a room and stay the
weekend! Call Karen Eagle
at 336-359-8238 or
guest@laurelridge.org



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