



# PROVINCIAL TIES

September 2016

— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —



## MMA News

**The MMA Retreat begins** with check in, from 4:30 to 6 pm, and dinner at 6 pm, Monday, September 26th, and ends mid-morning, Thursday, September 29th

**To Register and pay the cost of the Retreat, \$75:**

Call Teresa Cude at Laurel Ridge, 888 831-5922, (then chose #221, “Reservations”), with credit card in hand, and your choice of roommate and housing area, Salem Wing (newer), or Bishop's Wing (shared bathrooms). If Teresa is not available to take your reservation, please leave her a message to call you.

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**Registration Deadline:** Wednesday, September 21st.

Please bring your band instrument if you would like to join with others in playing for worship times.

If you'd be willing to sing in the retreat choir for the main worship service Thursday morning, and would like to see the music beforehand, please email Nola

Knouse, [nola@moravianmusic.org](mailto:nola@moravianmusic.org)

**Golf:** the usual arrangements have been made for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (not Monday) at the Roaring Gap Club. Ted Leinbach says: There is no cost (i.e. no green fees) unless they want a cart, in which case it is \$22 per person per 18 holes payable in cash, please.

Thursday morning begins with the main worship service of the retreat. A festive brunch follows, allowing for a mid-morning departure from the retreat.

*Submitted by the 2016 MMA Planning Committee*

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## ***Moravian Music Foundation News***

### **MORAVIAN MUSIC NEWS & EVENTS**

**Sept 8 ~ Bethabara Band Concert** – 7:00pm, Bethabara Park, 2147 Bethabara Road, Winston-Salem, NC. Free.

**Sept 25 ~ Salem Band Concert:** “Movie Madness” Sunday at 3:00 pm, Hanes Auditorium in the Elberson Fine Arts Center of Salem College. Salem Band, directed by Eileen Young, will present its “Movie Madness” concert! Scores from films by David Lean, Tim Burton, and Stephen Spielberg. Music by Danny Elfman, John Williams, Leonard Bernstein, and more, including “Oogie Boogie’s Song,” “The Dark Knight,” “West Side Story,” and “Star Wars: The Force Awakens.” Pre-concert music by the Salem Saxophone Quartet. The concert is free. [www.salemband.org](http://www.salemband.org)

The Board of Trustees will hold their biannual meeting in Winston-Salem, Sept. 23 and 24 at the Archie K. Davis Center. Trustees will honor local donors to the Moravian Music Foundation during a Donor Appreciation Dinner, to be held at Advent Moravian Church on Friday, September 23, by invitation. A similar event was held for the Northern Province donors, during the spring meeting, back in April. Funny thing, that one was at the other Advent Moravian (Bethlehem).

*Submitted by Erik J. Salzwedel, Moravian Music Foundation*

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## **Laurel Ridge News**

### ***Key dates to remember:***

September 16-18 Family Camp

October 7-9 Summer Camp Reunion (MH and SH Campers)

October 14-16 Polished Conference (Mother/Daughter Retreat)

October 15 Fall Volunteer Work Day

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October 16-20 Adult Mission Camp  
December 2-4 Moravian Music on the Mountain  
December 26-29 Winter Camp (MH and SH Campers)

**Holiday's sale at Higgins Lodge!** Save when you stay at Higgins Monday through Thursday nights from Labor Day to Christmastime. Between September 5 and December 22, 2016 all rooms at Higgins Lodge are half price during week nights. Contact Laurel Ridge today and plan your trip to the mountains!

**Family Camp** is becoming a popular event at Laurel Ridge! This is not just for parents and kids, we see grandparents, aunts, uncles – the whole family coming to enjoy time together on the mountain in September. Families can pitch a tent, share a cabin, or rent the entire cabin for your group for the weekend. Visit our website for more details and to register your family: <http://www.laurelridge.org/family-camp.html>

**Middle High and Senior High Campers** can return to Laurel Ridge for a Summer Camp Reunion Rally on October 7-9 at Summer Camp! For only \$55 per person you can reunite and relive the summer with your friends on the mountain!

**The Polished Conference** is a fabulous weekend for moms and daughters to get away to come together at Laurel Ridge, October 14-16. Debbie Presnell and Emma Danzey will tackle issues that girls face today from a solid, biblical perspective. This will be an inspiring and exciting event you won't want to miss! Register today at <http://www.laurelridge.org/upcoming-events.html>

**The Fall Volunteer Work Day is Saturday, October 15.** Join us on the mountain as we perform various projects to accentuate and improve the facilities and grounds at Laurel Ridge. Call ahead to let us know you plan to attend, we will provide lunch for all volunteers that day.

**Adult Mission Camp** has been rescheduled for October 16-20 to allow more folks to participate! There will be projects for every skill and comfort level with Donna Hurt and Terry Rausch facilitating discussions each evening. Registration is \$275 per person and includes lodging and meals at Higgins Lodge. Sign up today and come serve in the High Country!

**Finish out 2016 at Winter Camp** December 26-29 at Tise Lodge (or Higgins if we fill up) for Middle & Senior High students. "A Taste of Summer" will include campfires, cookouts, hikes and more! Get your friends together and have a mountain top experience to end 2016! Registration is \$145 for the weekend which includes lodging, meals and program.

### ***Moravian Mountain Christmas – December 3***

Bring your family to the mountain and experience some great Moravian traditions together as we prepare to celebrate Christmas! Moravian Mountain Christmas at Laurel Ridge can become your new family tradition where memories will be made and joy will be shared! Santa & Mrs. Claus will be at Laurel Ridge as well as hayrides, gingerbread fun and time to visit a tree farm and pick out your Christmas tree! Watch the website for details.

*Submitted by Terry Rausch*

## *From the Provincial Financial Office*

**2017 Provincial Budget Presentation** –Please mark your calendars for Thursday night, October 13, 2016. This is the date for this year’s Provincial Budget Presentation. The evening will start with dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by fellowship time and the presentation of the Province’s 2017 budget. Hopewell Moravian Church has graciously agreed to host us this year.

**Petree Fund** - The Petree Fund Benefits Committee is pleased to announce that for 2015 there were 11 recipients of awards from the William H. and Lena M. Petree Supplemental Benefit Fund for Retired Pastors and Spouses. The awards this year totaled \$85,633. The prior year had 13 recipients for \$76,428. The Petree Fund was created through the generosity for Bill and Lena Petree and makes annual awards to retired pastors based on the financial needs of the retiree.

**Health Insurance** – Have you been to the Aetna website to take your Health Assessment? This is required by our health plan and only takes a few minutes. You will receive a \$50 gift card (\$100 for families) if you also complete one of the coaching programs recommended from your Health Assessment.

*Submitted by Robyn Glance, Chief Financial Officer*

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## **Unity Women's Desk**

***You are cordially invited to attend a Reception in honor of  
Sr. Ana Marie Huaman,  
a pastor in the Moravian Church  
in the Peru Mission Area,  
on September 11  
from 3:00-5:00 PM  
at Cedarhyrst.***

**RSVPs appreciated but not required. Please join us.**  
[unitywomen2011@gmail.com](mailto:unitywomen2011@gmail.com)

*Submitted by Patty Garner*

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## ***Newsletter Notes from Around the Southern Province***

In an ecumenical spirit, **Calvary** approved a recent request from the newly forming Salem Presbyterian Church to use Calvary’s sanctuary for services at 5 p.m. Sundays. Salem Presbyterian was so grateful, it asked for an extension, which Calvary’s Joint Board granted to July 2017.

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Update on **Grace**'s new elevator: The internal brick work is finished and insulation installed. Next step will be installing the facing on the exterior of the elevator shaft. Since Grace is our rock-solid church, constructed of granite, guess what the facing on the elevator shaft will be. Right, granite. Delivery of the elevator car will be mid-September.

Thanks to generous congregation support, on June 30 **First, Greensboro** was able to pay back its endowment loan one year early for the new sanctuary bathroom addition

Newsletter note from one church that can be echoed by many other churches:  
"Christmas in July? Think Candle Tea!"

### **New season opens for 'Lunchtime Lectures**

A new season of "Lunchtime Lectures" of the Moravian Archives and Moravian Music Foundation will open September 8 at the Archie K. Davis Center in Salem. Archivist Richard W. Starbuck will speak on "The Girls School Goes Radical."

"Lunchtime Lectures" are held 12:15-12:45 p.m. the second Thursday of the month (except April 20). They are free, and you are invited to bring your lunch (it isn't provided). Parking is free in the Salem College Fine Arts Center parking lot off Salem Avenue.

### **Other presentations in the 2016-2017 "Lunchtime Lectures" series will be:**

- October 13: "250th Anniversary of Salem Wraps It Up," with Richard W. Starbuck;
- November 10: "The 2016 Unity Synod," with Southern Province delegates David B. Guthrie, John D. Rights, and Craig S. Troutman;
- December 8: "The Date Which Will Live in Infamy," with Richard W. Starbuck;
- January 12: "Moravian Music Elsewhere, Part 1," with Nola Reed Knouse;
- February 9: "Even MORE Fun Finds in the Vault," with Nola Reed Knouse;
- March 9: "The Last Wachovia Pioneer," with Richard W. Starbuck;
- April 20 (note third Thursday): "Elm Street and the Sunday School Movement," with Richard W. Starbuck;
- May 11: "Have we Heard It All Yet," with Nola Reed Knouse.

For more information phone 336-722-1742 or 336-725-0651.

*Submitted by Richard W. Starbuck, Moravian Archives*

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## ***PEC News for September, 2016***

Due to the Unity Board and Unity Synod meetings, the Provincial Elders' Conference had one meeting in August on the 29th, will all members attending. Prayers of intercession and thanksgiving were offered for the work, witness and leadership across the Province.

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## **SYNOD / STRATEGIC DIRECTION**

The PEC received a report from the Aug. 3 meeting of the Synod Planning Committee, designated the 2015 membership statistics as the basis for calculating Synod delegates numbers, and approved having meetings of Synod Committees prior to Synod. The PEC reviewed progress of the Resolution 12 Steering Committee, and discussed steps to fulfill 2014 Synod Resolutions #17 and 18, dealing with the Cornerstone Fund and new and emerging (“manna”) ministries.

## **CHURCHES AND LEADERS**

The PEC conducted activity related to call processes for Ardmore, Friedland, Grace, Home, and Mayodan; and met with the boards of Fries Memorial to begin arrangements for an intentional interim pastor. PEC assigned members to participate in services of installation for Carol Foltz (Moravia), Gregorio Moody (yoked ministry with King of Kings, New Hope, FL), and Joe Moore (New Philadelphia). PEC planned communication to pastors and RCC members about the election, responsibilities and organization of RCCs; and continued work on a congregation development initiative, and on changes in the pastor’s biographical information form used in the call process.

## **BOARDS, COMMITTEES, and COMMISSIONS**

The PEC acted on a request from the Moravian Music Foundation for the appointment of a Board member to replace Thomas Baucom, who is concluding his term. The PEC also received updates from meetings and activities of the Board of Cooperative Ministries, Provincial Support Services Board, and Archives Commission.

## **UNITY AND ECUMENICAL**

PEC reviewed and discussed the proceedings of the 2016 Unity Synod and planned communication to pastors and congregations; discussed invitations for worship leadership and keynote speakers for the “Bold like Jesus” conference, Feb.2-4, being planned for the ELCA, Episcopal, AME Zion and Moravian churches in NC; confirmed plans for the Nov. 1-2 joint meeting of the Northern and Southern Province PECs in Bethlehem, PA; and noted that the 2018 meeting of the Unity Board will likely be held in in the Southern Province, as well as a portion of the “New World Unity Youth Tour” (Aug. 9-22, 2018).

## **OTHER MATTERS**

The PEC approved a total annual distribution of \$85,633 from the Petree Fund to retired pastors (or their surviving spouses) for supplemental retirement income; finalized the 2017 operating budget for PEC; approved cost-sharing with BCM for the purchase of a church management software solution; discussed future staffing needs for the PEC; and planned the PEC conversation time for the September MMA retreat.

The Provincial Elders’ Conference meets September 11 and will take part in the annual MMA retreat on Sept. 28.

*Submitted by David Guthrie, PEC President*

## For Your September Calendar

1.....PSSB Meeting 4:00 pm  
5.....Labor Day, PEC office closed  
8.....MMF/Archives Lunch Lecture, 12:15 p.m.  
10.....Mission Society Meeting, 7pm  
17.....Fall Celebration, Olivet Moravian  
23-24.....MMF Board Meeting, Winston-Salem  
25.....Resolution #12 Meeting  
25.....Unity Synod Resolution Outcomes, 3 pm, Unity Moravian  
Church, sponsored by the Unity Women's Desk. Meeting will cover resolutions  
submitted by the Unity Women's Desk.  
25.....Laurel Ridge Friends Dinner, Friedland at 6pm.  
26-29.....MMA Retreat at Laurel Ridge  
30-Oct....1 BWM Meeting in PA

## Concerns and Celebrations

### Deaths:

The Rev. **John Christman** peacefully entered the more immediate presence of our Lord on Sunday, August 14, 2016. John served as pastor at Leaksville Moravian beginning in June of 1970 until his retirement in June 2002. A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, August 17 at Leaksville Moravian, Please be in prayer for John's wife, Arlean, and family.

**James Overton Blanton III**, 85, passed away in Jacksonville, Florida on August 18, 2016. In 1959, after serving briefly as Associate Pastor at Home Moravian Church, Jim accepted a missionary call to Nisky Moravian Church in Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands, where he served for three years. Brother Blanton resigned from the Moravian ministry in 1962. The funeral service for James was held at Home Moravian Church on Saturday, August 27, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. Please remember the family in your prayers.

The Rev. **Tony Hayworth's** mother, Mrs. Betty R. Hayworth, passed away August 18, 2016. Please remember Tony, Laura, Elizabeth and other family members in your prayers

### Illness:

John Rainey had back surgery on Monday, August 22 and is recuperating in Reidsville. Please remember John in your prayers.

## ***Ordination Anniversaries for September, 2016***

Bert Chin.....25 years  
Patricia Garner.....18 years  
John Jackman.....34 years  
Nola Knouse.....7 years  
William McElveen.....58 years  
Will Sibert.....29 years  
Ramona Spencer.....11 years

## ***Director of Christian Education Anniversaries***

Beth Hayes.....26 years  
Donna Hurt.....21 years

***Congratulations and God Bless You!***

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## **Summer 2017 Moravian Roots Tour to Prague and Herrnhut**

The Center for Moravian Studies at Moravian Seminary is sponsoring a return to trip to Prague and Herrnhut from June 29-July 11, 2017. For Moravians this will be a pilgrimage —as we will sit in Bethlehem Chapel where Jan Hus preached, take in the splendor and reforming history that occurred in Prague, visit Kunwald where the Unity was born, worship at Chalice Rocks where the "hidden seed" sought refuge, immerse ourselves in the present and the history of Herrnhut, Berthelsdorf, Niesky, to gain a greater appreciation of the people and landscape that forged who we are as Moravians!

*Submitted by Jane Weber*

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## ***An Update from the Resolution 12 Steering Committee***

Three initiatives are in place for the continuing work on 2014 Synod Resolution 12, which called for the province to “provide leadership, resources, and a process for a conversation about homosexuality in the church that includes diverse viewpoints, and opportunities for open and honest discussion, study and discernment.”

***1. Services of worship and prayer***, planned and led by the bishops residing in the Southern Province: The first of these will take place on Sunday, September 25, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. at Fairview Moravian Church. These will not specifically address homosexuality, but rather be opportunities for worship and prayer together, seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit not only in regard to homosexuality in the church but in all things. We seek to rejoice together in the things that bind us together as brothers and sisters in Christ, serving Christ and the world through the Moravian Church; we seek

to worship our faithful, loving, and gracious Triune God; and we seek the wisdom, grace, and peace to know and follow God's will for the Moravian Church in all things.

Other services are planned for January 22, April 30, July 9, and October 8, 2017. All services will be on a Sunday afternoon at 3:00, locations to be announced. Please plan to come, sing, pray and worship together as brothers and sisters!

**2. *Preparation of a six-part study/conversation guide for congregations and groups.*** Five of these sessions will include a 25-30-minute video with questions for discussion, and for the sixth session there will be questions for conversations. These will focus on homosexuality as a theological, biblical, and pastoral issue. The first of these videos, an introduction to the work of the steering committee thus far, the purpose of talking about and studying homosexuality in the church, the risks and benefits of doing so, and some guidelines as to how we might do so gracefully and effectively, is available online through the mcsp website at [http://mcsp.org/?page\\_id=1885](http://mcsp.org/?page_id=1885). As others are completed, they'll be uploaded through that same page. (You can access that page by going to [www.mcsp.org](http://www.mcsp.org); following the Resolution 12 tab; and clicking on "Video Series".) Please make these available to your congregations and groups.

**3. *Meetings with RCC's.*** The Resolution 12 Steering Committee would like to meet with RCC's to talk about what we've been doing and what the next steps in our process will be. Each RCC can determine whether we meet only with the congregational representatives or with members of the congregations in a larger gathering. This won't be a discussion about what we feel about homosexuality, but rather a chance to bring everyone up to date and hear one another's questions and concerns as we move forward.

And a reminder as to the purpose or "agenda" of the Resolution 12 Steering Committee: *Our agenda is to encourage dialogue and provide new opportunities for the people of the Southern Province to discern more of the leadership of the Holy Spirit in our continued differences concerning homosexuality in the church. We believe through the study of scripture, the discipline of prayer, and the faith sharing of believers the Holy Spirit can provide each of us greater insight and clarity moving each of us to a deeper relationship with our Savior. In our deeper relationship with the Savior unity grows within our Province and our differences become smaller. In this task, we remember the words of Zinzendorf: "the nearer each one comes in knowing the Savior, the more enriched, more glad of heart, and more unwavering grows the communion among his members."*

We invite you to continue in prayer, that we all may be open and receptive to the presence and guidance of our Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as we work together as brothers and sisters in God's Moravian Church, Southern Province.

Submitted by Nola Knouse for the Resolution 12 Steering Committee  
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## *Latest BCM News and Events*

### ***Provincial Older Adults Fall Rally***

**Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 12:30pm**

[Fairview Moravian Church](#)

[6550 Silas Creek Pkwy | Winston-Salem, NC 27106](#)

**Program:** Special Handbell Music by Karen Strausser of Konnoak Hills Moravian Church

**Menu:** Chicken casserole, green beans, rice, congealed salad & dessert, coffee & tea

**Tickets: \$10.00**

See your Older Adult Liaison for tickets or call Heather Stevenson, **336.722.8126** to purchase tickets by **October 3, 2016**.

### ***Comenius Learning Series: Moravian in America***

**Moravian in America: Original Visions, Long-Term Costs**

**Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Riddick Weber**

**November 5, 2016 at 9:00am**

[Trinity Moravian Church](#)

[220 E Sprague St | Winston-Salem, NC 27127](#)

The 18th century Moravian Church embraced a radical, creative theology and practice – one that was multi-national, multi-racial, and nonviolent. Evangelism, concern for the marginalized, and the ordination of women were the order of the day. Yet, over time and on into the 20th century, Moravians shed many of these distinctions as they sought acceptance in a changing American context. Join us as we explore the costs of this adaptation and how the original visions of our forebears might still challenge and inspire us today.

**Online event registration** is available here:

[http://bit.ly/CLS\\_Fall2016](http://bit.ly/CLS_Fall2016)

**Print registration forms** are available here:

<http://bit.ly/BCMEvents16>

### ***Children's Festival: Thank You!***

The Moravian Board of Cooperative Ministries (BCM) would like to extend a big thank you to all of the volunteers and those who came out on August 14 to the Children's Festival and Lovefeast!

*Submitted by Andrew Cox*

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## ***Widow's Society News***

***ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WIDOWS SOCIETY***

***THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2016***

***HOPE MORAVIAN CHURCH***

***2759 Hope Church Road***

***Winston Salem, N. C. 27127***

**This is a very important meeting and members are encouraged to attend and to bring their spouse. Several policy changes will be on the agenda.**

1 - It will be proposed that both spouses may now join the society, and at the death of either one, the surviving spouse would receive benefits for as long as they live, or unless they remarry.

2 - It will be proposed that the dues be increased from \$100.00 to \$250.00. This is a onetime fee. No one may join after reaching age 61. Therefore all men are encouraged to join now, before the increase. Wives, encourage your husbands to join now.

3 - A further proposal will be that if a man is presently a member, then his spouse may pay a fee and join even if over age 61. They have until January 31, 2017 to join.

For almost 100 years, the WS has existed to provide supplemental income to widows whose husbands were thoughtful enough to join.

This year, 63 widows will receive \$630.00. Several ladies have been getting checks for over 30 years.

It is unclear why any eligible male member of a Moravian Church would not wish to provide this level of benefit for his spouse.

For additional information, please call Bill Campbell at 336 403 3209.

*Submitted by Rev. Dr. Bill Campbell, Sr.*

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## ***Moravian Ministries Foundation***

### **Endowing the Future of Moravian Ministry**

The purpose of an endowment fund is to financially sustain the mission and work of an organization. The principal of an endowment is kept intact and only the annual earnings, typically income and a portion of the capital growth, are used to fund current needs. Many Moravian churches and agencies have endowments so that they can continue to minister and serve for years to come.

The Moravian Ministries Foundation helps Moravians make contributions to strengthen Moravian missions, which is often easier than many may think. There are a number of charitable gift and estate planning strategies which can benefit individuals and help build their Moravian church's or favorite Moravian agency's endowment, such as bequests, beneficiary designations, and more.

If you would like to encourage your members or supporters to give to your ministry's endowment, please give us a call. We have articles you can use, resources on our website, and more.

*Submitted by Laura Sides Watson*

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