



PROVINCIAL TIES

November 2016

— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —



Blue Ridge Parkway

Photo courtesy of Bob Hunter

Sunnyside Ministry News

Sunnyside Ministry an Agency of the Moravian Church, Southern Province, is excited to be participating in the international #GivingTuesday event on Tuesday November 29th. #GivingTuesday is a day that helps us remember all of the causes that need support to do good work. Sunnyside Ministry will be raising money to support the Gaining Control Program. This twelve week financial literacy program focuses on budgeting and savings as a way to live independently, even in poverty.

The instructors of this program are Charles Forrest, Calvary and Angelica Regalado, Friedland. Charles created this program and has taught every class. Angelica will introduce the program in Spanish in the winter/spring of 2017.

For the #GivingTuesday fundraiser, we will be hoping to raise funds to educate 125 students in 2017. The cost for Sunnyside Ministry per student is approximately \$499.

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Since 2013 there have been 128 graduates and the program has a success rate of 98.4%. Success rate is measured by the student not returning to Sunnyside Ministry for Financial Assistance in the future. This is one of the most successful programs of its type.

All money donated to Sunnyside Ministry will be used to benefit Sunnyside Ministry. To donate to Sunnyside Ministry's #GivingTuesday Campaign on Tuesday, November 29th go to Sunnysideminnistry.org or by mail to Sunnyside Ministry, 319 Haled Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27127.

Submitted by David Holsten

Moravian Ministries Foundation

When we think of giving to our churches, especially at year's end, we often think of making a cash gift; however, there are other ways to support our Moravian congregations and agencies. Gift annuities, charitable trusts, and gifts of real estate, stock and life insurance are all options and the Moravian Ministries Foundation is happy to assist donors and church leaders with them. For more information about our planned giving services, which are free of charge, please contact Paul McLaughlin, Foundation president, at 888.722.7923 or pmclaughlin@mmfa.info. You can also visit our planned giving website at <http://www.mmfagiftlegacy.org>; it features videos, donor stories, gift calculators, and more.

Submitted by Laura Sides Watson

Mission Society News

The annual **Mission Society Lovefeast** was held Sunday, November 6 at Konnoak Hills Church. Following music by the provincial band, the service began at 3:00. During worship, enhanced by numerous talented musicians, Justin Rabbach from the Board of World Mission brought a special message.

Newsletter Notes from Around the Southern Province

CAUTION! **Grace** reminds its members as they traverse the construction areas around the new elevator. The "jigsaw pattern is progressing at a steady pace and the crew has begun the rope mortar process." The next step is the installation of the elevator car. What an "uplifting" event that will be.

The Board at **Clemmons**, coming off the success of its first *Lenten Devotional Booklet* earlier this year (they had to have two additional printings!) has authorized an *Advent Devotional Booklet*. Members are encouraged to write down a devotional for one day of the Advent season. A simple prayer, a poem, song, even a drawing will do. There

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will be a devotion for everyday of the Advent season. What a blessed way to prepare for the birthday of our Lord!

Moravia installed a new sign in time for the installation of a new pastor! The old church sign was destroyed as the result of a car accident which tragically took the life of the driver. An old tree on the property was also hit and had to be removed. The cleanup is almost complete, and the congregation endures!

In the heat of July over 100 people, including board members, architects, and construction workers, attended the Topping Out Celebration of the new healthcare building at **Salemtowne**. The final pieces of the roof, which consisted of two plywood sheets filled with signatures and well wishes, were placed over the porte-cochère located at the long-term entrance of the new facility. An evergreen tree adorned with a Moravian Star was also placed on the roof. This old Scandinavian tradition is said to appease the tree-dwelling spirits displaced by the construction. The opening of the new expansion is expected to be mid-2017.

The **Archives** has its own newsletter note! Archivist Richard Starbuck is preparing to head back to the Cherokee Nation- figuratively. Richard Starbuck, after devoting so much to the 250th of Salem, is returning to the work of editing and publishing the *Records of the Moravians Among the Cherokees*. Assistant Archivist, Nicole Crabbe, will be taking over the newsletter notes. Thank you Richard for all you do!

Submitted by Nicole L. Crabbe, Assistant Archivist, Moravian Archives

PEC News for November, 2016

The Provincial Elders' Conference met Oct. 3 and Oct. 17 with all members attending. These meetings began with prayer for various needs and concerns within our Province and among our pastors and church educators.

SYNOD / STRATEGIC DIRECTION

The Synod Planning Committee held its third meeting October 13. PEC approved a change in the dates for the intersynodal conference to Feb. 17-18, 2017.

CHURCHES AND LEADERS

The PEC continued steps in the call processes for the Ardmore, Friedland, Fulp, Home, and Prince of Peace congregations; worked with the Fries Memorial congregation to extend a call to Jeff Coppage to serve as intentional interim pastor; approved requests from the Kernersville and Bethania congregations for the appointment of congregational acolytes; entered an agreement to utilize a "Congregational Vitality Survey" for quadrennial reviews, and for a congregational development initiative; scheduled quadrennial reviews for the Advent, Bethesda, Little Church on the Lane, Rolling Hills, St. Philips and Unity congregations; approved changes in Rules and Regulations for two congregations; and approved the request of Judy Knopf to retire from active service under call October 31.

BOARDS, COMMITTEES, and COMMISSIONS

The PEC approved a one-year extension of the appointment of Sallie Craig Huber to the Board of Trustees of Salem Academy and College; approved a recommendation

from the Provincial Support Services Board (PSSB) for Sunnyside Ministry to conduct a one-day fundraising campaign on Nov. 29, “Annual Giving Tuesday”; re-appointed Sandy Baldwin and Tommy Reed to four-year terms on the Board of Trustees of the Moravian Ministries Foundation in America; and continued work with the Archives Commission in their search for an Archivist, as Richard Starbucks’ term of service nears a conclusion.

UNITY AND ECUMENICAL

The PEC received three letters and met with one pastor to discuss concerns and questions related to Unity Synod Resolution 44, and the PEC’s September letter to pastors. The PEC continued its discussion about responses to the actions of Unity Synod and the impact of those actions on our current Resolution 12 dialogue process and our preparations for the 2018 Synod.

OTHER MATTERS

The PEC updated the job description for the Assistant to the PEC President and discussed how best to identify potential candidates for this position. The PEC formally determined that the Southern Province is a joint employer with congregations, boards and agencies for all non-ordained staff of those entities; and approved the 2017 Provincial Budget proposed by the PSSB. The PEC agreed to send David Guthrie to attend the funeral of the Rev. Dr. David Schattschneider, retired dean of Moravian Theological Seminary. The PEC discussed plans and agenda items for the joint meeting of the PECs (Northern and Southern) Nov. 1-2, in Bethlehem, PA; and set the PEC meeting schedule for 2017.

November meetings of the PEC will be Nov. 7 and 21.

Submitted by David Guthrie, PEC President

For Your November Calendar

7.....PEC Meeting
10.....MMF/Archives Lunch Lecture, 12:15 p.m.
15.....Mission Society Meeting
20.....Ways to Make Christmas Merrier for Our Sisters Around the World, 3:30 pm,
Clemmons Moravian
21.....PEC Meeting
24-25....Thanksgiving Holiday, PEC office closed

For Your Address Book

Address Change: New Beginnings Moravian, 219 Segal St, Huntersville, NC 27077

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Concerns and Celebrations

Deaths:

Don Moore, father of the **Rev. Joe Moore** (Associate Pastor at New Philadelphia), joined the heavenly church triumphant October 27, 2016. Following a private burial, a memorial service was held at Home Moravian Church at 3 pm on Tuesday, November 1, with the Rev. Rick Sides and the Rev. Ginny Tobiassen officiating. Please remember Don's wife, Terry, and his children and their families in your prayers.

Sister **Grace Marx** entered the Church Triumphant October 30, 2016. Funeral services were held at 2 pm Saturday, November 5, 2016 at Christ Moravian Church with Rev. Dr. David Marcus, Rev. Gary Byrum, Rt. Rev. Sam Gray officiating. Burial followed in Salem Graveyard. Please keep the Marx family in your thoughts and prayers in the days ahead.

Janet Jennings, a second term member of the PWB and a former member of the BCM, passed away on Oct 23. Please remember Janet's family in your prayers.

Ordination Anniversaries for November, 2016

Jeffrey Coppage.....23 years
Lisa Mullen.....27 years
Chris Weber.....63 years
Ted Wilde.....43 years
Russell Williams.....6 years
Stuart Zimmerman.....38 years

Director of Christian Education Anniversaries

Fran Saylor.....3 years
Lisa Mullen.....3 years

Congratulations and God Bless You!

Come and Worship

Come and Worship is now meeting downtown in Winston-Salem at what is now Liberty Arts Coffee House (formerly the Liberty Arts Center), 526 N. Liberty Street. Worship is currently at 11:00 a.m.

Submitted by Brad Bennett

Unity Women's Desk

Haven't finished your Christmas shopping yet?

Let the Unity Women's Desk help you with a gift list of memorable gifts that will delight your friends and family and will make a difference in the lives of Moravian sisters around the world. (And they don't take up any room in the house or need to be dusted!)

Join us at Clemmons Moravian Church on Sunday afternoon at 3:30 PM for refreshments and shopping with your Moravian friends from around the Province.

Submitted by Patty Garner

Latest BCM News and Events

Young Adult Bible Study Meets Thursday at 7:30pm

This past week we discussed the different accounts of Christ's baptism in the Gospels and how that is relevant to our understanding of baptism and the spirit of God.

Join us again this **Thursday at 7:30PM** at the **BCM Resource Center!** All young adults are welcome!

Second Edition of "Simply Moravian" Available for Purchase

Our resource [Simply Moravian](#) is being put to good use! Bethania Moravian is using the book for its confirmation class. Use this resource as an fun and easily accessible introduction to the Moravian Church! The second edition of *Simply Moravian* is available at our Resource Center for \$10. Email bcm@mcspp.org for details or questions!

Send BCM Your Lovefeast Service Times

The Moravian Board of Cooperative Ministries needs your Christmas Lovefeast and Candle Service times for our annual blog and *Winston-Salem Journal* ad. Please have these to us by mid-November. Email bcm@mcspp.org.

MoravianStar 2015 Greeting Cards

The #MoravianStar2015 photo mosaic created from images submitted by participants in the social media campaign is now a card! Blank on the inside, these will make great personal Christmas or greeting cards! Details will be available soon as to how you can purchase or order yours. Email bcm@mcspp.org for questions. Preview the card [here](#).

Submitted by Andrew Cox

Laurel Ridge News

Laurel Ridge Highlights for November Newsletter and Bulletin

Here are some key dates to remember:

December 2-4, 2016 Moravian Mountain Christmas

December 26-29, 2016 Winter Camp (MH and SH Campers)

April 17-19, 2017 Pastor/DCE & Family Retreat

April 21-23, 2017 Family Camp "Spring Addition"

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!

Moravian Mountain Christmas – Your New family Tradition! December 2-4 would be a wonderful weekend to start your Christmas celebration right. Come on Saturday, December 3 for great holiday music, visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus, take a hayride through the mountainside, pick out your Christmas tree and enjoy Moravian crafts and goodies to make and purchase! Or you could make it a weekend getaway and stay at Higgins Lodge Friday night through Sunday morning and create wonderful family memories! Contact us today to reserve your space for Moravian Mountain Christmas at Laurel Ridge.

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 Music Foundation News

MORAVIAN MUSIC NEWS & EVENTS

Nov 10 ~ Lunchtime Lecture – 2016 Unity Synod – Southern Province Delegates, Rev. David B. Guthrie, Rev. John D. Rights, Rev. Craig S. Troutman. Lunchtime Lectures are held at 12:15 p.m. in the Spaugh Lecture/Recital Hall of the Archie K. Davis Center. [DIRECTIONS](#) Free and open to the public. [Complete Lecture Schedule](#)

Nov 13 ~ Carolina Bronze – Handbell Concert, Music@Home Concert Series, 3:00pm, sanctuary of Home Moravian Church, 529 S. Church St., Winston-Salem, NC. Free, donations accepted.

Nov 17 ~ Bethabara Band Holiday Concert, 7:00pm, Maple Springs United Methodist Church, 2569 Reynolda Rd., Winston-Salem, NC. Free.

Moramus Chorale and Moravian Music Foundation Anniversary Concert
Sunday, November 20 at 3:00pm, Hanes Auditorium, Elberson Fine Arts Center,
Salem College, 3:00 p.m. Free - donations accepted. [Moramus on Facebook](#) [EVENT on Facebook](#) The **Moramus Chorale**, led by Drake Flynt, and accompanied by Mary Lou Kapp Peeples, will present a varied concert of Moravian music from the archives, with new editions. There will also be a special **Moramus Award Presentation!**

The Moravian Music Foundation celebrates its 60th Anniversary!!
1956 - 2016

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

Nov 8, 1805 - David Moritz Michael's *Psalm 103* is performed for the first time, in Nazareth, PA, where he taught from 1795 to 1804.

Nov 17, 1765 - first mention of Collegium musicum in Lititz, PA, under the direction of pastor Bernard Adam Grube

1766 - Jeremias Dencke writes anthem for Provincial Synod in Bethlehem – this is the earliest known Moravian concerted church music written in America.

Nov 28, 1747 - Candles were first given to children at an informal worship service in Marienborn, Wetterau (Germany)

Please send Moravian music-related events to erik@moravianmusic.org for the calendar / newsletters / emails / social media.

TWO GREAT CHRISTMAS CD's AVAILABLE!

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers; Moravian Advent & Christmas

A lovely recording of hymns and choral anthems for Advent and Christmas, with organ and orchestral accompaniment.

Once He Came in Blessing; Music for Advent & Christmas

Music for Advent and Christmas, performed by the Moravian Lower Brass Ensemble. You will be struck by the mellow, rich, and deeply expressive quality of this sound. A total of 38 tunes are included.

CDs are \$16.00 and available at [MMF Online](#) or by calling 336-725-0651

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