

Provincial Ties

Touching Lives Through Moravian Missions

There are many opportunities for adults and youth to live our mission near and far - to help with disaster relief, repair homes, lift hearts, and renew spirits.

Adult Opportunities: Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast three and one-half years ago. Only 35% of the damaged homes in Mississippi have been repaired to date. Mark Ebert, Director of Volunteer Ministries, Board of World Mission, continues to coordinate and send teams to the Gulf Coast. He can provide help in the planning process and even set up a training session for interested teams.

Raleigh Moravian Church's volunteers have made two trips to Mississippi sewing drapes and curtains, making these empty houses a home again. WLOX in Ocean Springs reported "It's not necessarily the curtains that are touching lives. It's the people making them."

After this year's winter storms and hail damage there are many new mission opportunities present in Paducah, Kentucky. Chain saws and operators are needed now. In Hope, Indiana teams are being organized to repair the damage caused by a devastating flood. For more information about disaster relief trips visit moravianmission.org/mdr or contact the Mission Office in Winston-Salem (336-773-1732).

Youth Opportunities: Laurel Ridge has five sessions this summer for youth to participate in Mission Camps in 2009:

June 14-19	June 28-July 3	July 5-10
July 12-17	July 26-31	

"Participants will be challenged as they explore what it means to serve God through mission work and their day-to-day lives." For more information about the youth mission camps call 888-831-5922 or go to www.laurelridge.org.

"Planting a Seed...Growing under the Son" is a new mission camp in Forsyth County, NC, for youth ages 12 through Senior High, August 10-August 14. Groups meet in the mornings, then go out into the community to provide a variety of services to those in need. Agencies that will be served include: Sunnyside Ministries, Hospice, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Samaritan Ministries, Second Harvest Food Bank and Crisis Control Ministries. They will also work with individuals in need referred by The Shepherd's Center and other sources. For additional information or to get involved, call Elizabeth Messick at 336-408-8366 or email messel0@salem.edu.

*"We have a choice to use the gift of our lives to make the world a better place."
-Dr. Jane Goodall*

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Ardmore
Bethabara
Bethania
Bethesda
Calvary
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Fulp
Good Shepherd
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Hopewell
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Concerns & Celebrations

“HAPPY ARE THOSE WHOSE STRENGTH IS IN YOU, IN WHOSE HEART ARE THE HIGHWAYS TO ZION.” PSALM 84:5

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH . . .

Deaths:

Sister **Flossie Holden**, mother of the Rev. **George Chiddie and Jean**, passed away on March 1 at the age of 104. She resided in Asheville, NC.

We express our love and sympathy to her family and friends.



Illness:

Sister **Polly Applefield**, Moravian Minister

Brother **Hal Cole**, Moravian Minister

Brother **Joe Hoover**, Director of Christian Education at Rural Hall Moravian

Our prayers are with these.

Pastoral:

Brother **Robert Peek** has requested and been given permission to retire from the active ministry of the Moravian Church effective January 1, 2009. Brother Peek responded to the call to ministry after a 24-year career in the US Air Force and eight years in the business world. He graduated from Moravian Theological Seminary and was ordained a deacon May 23, 1999 at Christ the King Moravian Church in Durham, NC and consecrated a presbyter September 24, 2005 at Immanuel-New Eden Moravian Church in Winston-Salem, NC. He served as pastor of Morning Star Moravian in Asheville, NC, Immanuel Moravian in Winston-Salem, NC and gave faithful and loving service to the Immanuel and New Eden Moravian Congregations as they merged in 2002. The Provincial Elders' Conference expresses gratitude to Bob and Earlette for their committed and faithful service to the Moravian Church and wishes for them many blessings in retirement.

Congratulations!

Ordination Anniversaries March

Melvin Klokow.....62 years
Frank Venable.....22 years
Leslie Venable.....22 years
Margaret Leinbach.....5 years



Congratulations and God Bless You!

Leadership Focus 2009

Winston-Salem

A big thank you to all who participated in Leadership Focus 2009 and to Friedland Moravian Church for being such a wonderful host for this event. It was a joy to have more than 140 people from 30 churches united for a common goal. Additional workshops will be held on March 7 in Palm Beach County, Florida and on March 28 at Peace Moravian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina.

(submitted by the Leadership Planning Team)

Congregations:

The Holly Springs Moravian Church in Holly Springs, NC has been closed. The congregation held its final service on February 22, 2009. We thank Tracy and Rhonda Robinson for their faithful service to the church. Tracy will continue in service to the Moravian Church as he awaits call.

PEC REPORT:



The Provincial Elders' Conference met for a regular session on February 3 and 17, 2009. Burkette, Hunter, Hurt, Sapp, Sides and Sparks were present for the meetings. The meetings began with a time of sharing of contacts with pastors and congregations and discussion of specific joys and concerns followed by intercessory prayers.

Various concerns and opportunities were discussed related to congregations, fellowships and personnel in the Province, including the call process which is ongoing at Mizpah. The boards at Kernersville have decided to call an associate pastor and are currently preparing a job description as the next step in the call process. PEC noted that the last worship service at Holly Springs was on February 22. Pastor Tracy Robinson will continue pastoral and administrative duties for Holly Springs through March. On March 11, Holly Springs members will decide whether or not to continue to meet as a fellowship.

PEC approved the request of Bro. Robert Peek for retirement from active ministry, effective January 1, 2009. Bro. Peek was ordained in 1999 and served as pastor of Morning Star in Asheville, Immanuel in Winston-Salem and Immanuel-New Eden. On behalf of the Province, PEC expresses sincere gratitude to Bro. Peek for his years of faithful service.

Bro. Robert Wolfe's call to specialized ministry with Forsyth Jail and Prison Chaplaincy was renewed.

PEC discussed plans for the Special Synod which has been called for September 11-12, 2009 at New Philadelphia Moravian Church to consider for possible adoption and implementation the recommendation of the Provincial Administration/Ministries Task Force for provincial restructuring. PEC also discussed initial plans for the stated synod of 2010 and the recommendations of the Synod Study Commission regarding election of synod delegates.

PEC reviewed the schedule for presentations concerning the proposal for provincial restructuring, including presentations to the Moravian Ministry Association on March 5 and April 2. PEC met with the Provincial Administration/Ministries Task Force on February 19 to approve a draft of the presentation.

Sr. Janice Vogler (Friedland) was appointed chair of the Public Relations Commission to replace Bro. Tripp May who resigned due to other responsibilities.

In other matters, PEC cast a ballot for Unity Board Vice-President and discussed the following: the responsibilities of PEC's role as endorser for military chaplains for the Southern and Northern Provinces, Alaska and East West Indies Provinces and the Unity of the Brethren in Texas; future funding for the annual Moravian Ministry Association retreat; date and format for the annual provincial stewardship dinner in light of the Special Synod in September; the format for triennial reviews with provincial boards and agencies; recent triennial reviews at Enterprise and New Beginnings; a schedule for PEC meetings for June-August, 2009; and, needed follow up with pastors who have not submitted annual reports for 2008 which were due January 31.

Various other matters were discussed and information shared concerning the life and ministry of the Southern Province, and triennial reviews were scheduled for First Moravian in Greensboro, Willow Hill, Board of Christian Education, Calvary, Provincial Financial Board, Board of Evangelism and Home Missions, Archives Board, Provincial Women's Board and Fairview.

The next scheduled meetings of PEC will be on March 17 and 31, 2009.

(submitted by Wayne Burkette)



Sunnyside Ministry Scholarship

A Sunnyside Ministry Scholarship is available to college/university bound seniors. The award is for around \$1500 per year for a deserving student in need who lives in the Sunnyside target area. Laptop computers, travel opportunities and internships are available. Please make college bound seniors in our congregations aware of this opportunity! Deadline for applications is March 13. Applications are available in the high school guidance offices and with congregations in the target area. Questions can be addressed to bcook711@triad.rr.com or by calling 336-766-4360.

(submitted by Becky Cook, SS Scholarship chair)

NC Council of Churches to Sponsor Legislative Seminar

The North Carolina Council of Churches is sponsoring a one day Legislative Seminar, Tuesday, March 31, at White Memorial Presbyterian Church in Raleigh. This Seminar is designed to provide information on critical issues facing the General Assembly and to equip grass-roots activists working for social justice. Various workshops will be offered focusing on affordable housing, community corrections, death penalty, global warming, health and healthcare, human trafficking, immigration, issues facing gay and lesbian people, jobs and labor, mental health reform, and public schools.

All interested persons are invited to attend. For additional information or to register, visit the North Carolina Council of Churches website at www.nccouncilofchurches.org or call (919) 828-6501.

(submitted by John D. Rights)

The Moravian Star and its History

“The Interprovincial Board of Communication is pleased to announce the arrival of a new publication entitled, “**Morning Star, O Cheering Sight... The Moravian Star and its History.**” This new book published in 2008 by Comenius-Buchhandlung GmbH in Herrnhut, Germany, covers the history of the Moravian Star. The four color publication includes many photos and segments of text on: A Special Star, A Messenger with Tradition, Where Does the Star Come From?, From the First Star Factory to Today, and Paths of the Star. The book is 79 pages. A lovely addition to any library! The books are available for \$12.95 each. Orders can be placed online at www.moravian.org/publications or by calling 1.800.732.0591 and asking for Customer Relations.

We received a few slightly damaged copies from Germany and have placed them in our scratch and dent sale. These copies are available for \$10 each. If you would like one of the reduced sale copies and are ordering online, please mention this in the notes section of your order. And while you’re ordering, don’t forget to check out the 50% off Readings For Holy Week sale!

(submitted by Deanna Hollenbach)

“ENCORE”

Saturday, **March 14**, 2009

Salem College Fine Arts Center

This workshop will focus on Christians who seek to express their faith and their ministry through the performing arts. “Encore” will be of particular interest to those who already have some skill/experience in Christian theatre. Workshops, teachers, and registration information are listed on their web site: www.curtaincallnc.org.

Liz May, the tech director for the Salem Fine Arts Center, is coordinating this event.

(submitted by Tripp May)

Training Funds Provided for clergy and educators

Clergy of the Southern Province are reminded of **assistance for continuing education** available from the Pfohl Fund. This Fund was inaugurated in 1955 by the Provincial Women's Board in recognition of the more than 50 years of service given by Bishop and Mrs. J. K. Pfohl to the Southern Province and in appreciation for all they did for the women's work throughout these years. Clergy may apply for assistance for study and travel in the interest of the Moravian Church. Requests may be made every two years. Pastors seeking an advanced degree may apply for three consecutive years. The amount of the aid provided is based on financial need, available funds, the plan for study, and the value of education to an individual's future service. An application form is available in the PEC Office or from the Provincial Women's Board. Application should be submitted to the PEC Office (and will be forwarded to the Provincial Women's Board) at least 30 days in advance of the Board's meetings (2nd Thursday in January, April, September and November). Information on the event and its appropriateness to the individual's service in the Moravian Church should accompany the application.

The Pfohl Fund amount available for training is to \$500 per year from the Provincial Women's Board.

Directors of Christian Education in the Province are reminded of **assistance for continuing education** available from the Herbert W. and Maye S. Aldridge Memorial Education Fund. The Aldridges were long-time active members of the Ardmore Congregation. Applications for aid from this fund are made to the PEC by written request.

Classified

Program Director: The Antioch Project of the Board of World Mission is seeking an Antioch Servant for the position of **Program Director** for an ecumenical camp run by the Moravian Church in Labrador for summer 2009.

Counselor, Program Assistant and Mission Presence: The Antioch Project of the Board of World Mission is seeking two Antioch Servants for the position of **Counselor, Program Assistant and Mission Presence** at Camp Van Es, Alberta, Canada for summer 2009. For more information on the camps in Labrador or Canada visit www.moravianantioch.org or Sam Gray at 336-773-1732 or sgray@mcsp.org.



First Friday

March 6, 2009, Christ Moravian Church
7 p.m. in the Fellowship Building.

Mohammed and Safiatu Braima will be sharing information about their mission in Sierra Leone. After years of hard work and study in the United States, the Braimas were able to return to their village with the support of Little Church on the Lane in Charlotte, North Carolina. Average attendance for worship at the Luawa-Yiehun Moravian Church is approximately 150. Plans are underway to build a high school in addition to the currently completed mission house, church, and library.

(submitted by Sheila Beaman)

From the Provincial Treasurer's Office

2008 Church Audits – Instructions for performing the 2008 “audits” of churches have been sent to all Church Treasurers and Trustee Chairs/Vice Chairs. Please be sure these instructions are given to your Church’s “Audit Committee.” Per the Book of Order, 2008 audit reports are due by May 15, 2009. If you did not receive your instructions, please just give us a call at 336-722-7922.

2009 Congregational Information Form – If you haven’t already done so, please be sure this form is sent to the PEC office as soon as possible. We all use this information to be sure that we are communicating with the current leadership at each church. Also, it is very important to include “business” (i.e. daytime) phone numbers for everyone on the form. We are usually trying to reach people during the day and having a daytime phone number is very helpful. The form is available on the Province’s website, mcsp.org > Resources > Year-end Forms. Also please be sure to keep us apprised of changes that may occur during the year.

Sales Tax Refunds – How would you like to receive a discount on almost everything you buy at the store? Well, that is what churches can get due to their non-profit status. I am sure that most churches already file for sales tax refunds (or have sales tax exemption certificates), but if you don’t, you are walking away from “free” money.

The rules are fairly straightforward as to what does or doesn’t qualify. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to give Lois Crain (the resident expert) a call at (336) 722-7922, ext. 1003. One change that has recently occurred is the need to show a non-profit industry code. We have had several calls on this and have decided “X21” best fits the church.

(submitted by Ted Leinbach, Provincial Treasurer)

The Great Sabbath Service of Music

Saturday, **April 11**, 7:00 p.m.
Home Moravian Church, Salem Square

The Great Sabbath Service of Music, sponsored by Salem Congregation, will be presented at Home Moravian Church on Saturday, April 11 at 7pm. In this service of worship our Moravian Musical Heritage will be presented; Drake Flynt will be the conductor with Mary Louse Peeples as organist. There will be soloists, chorus, and orchestra. This is a moving service as we await the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. Please come and invite guests to this service.

(submitted by Mallie Graham)



Salem Congregation's 235rd Easter Sunrise Service Salem Square—6:30 a.m.

All members of our congregations are cordially invited to participate in this inspirational service. It will begin in front of Home Moravian Church and conclude in God’s Acre. Ministers, spouses and family members are invited to assemble in the west vestibule of Home Church by 6:10 a.m.

We know that many pastors will be involved in the band, choir or leading other Easter services. Our prayers are with all pastors and congregations as we proclaim together the wonderful message that our Lord is Risen !!

(submitted by Scott Venable)

Newsletter Notes

Covenant has joined **Clemmons** and **Friedberg** in helping people find their churches with better signage. Covenant's old sign has been in disrepair and partially hidden by a power pole. Besides, a new brick sign will go well with Covenant's new church facilities.

Now hear this! **Kernersville** is upgrading its sound systems in both its main sanctuary and the Historic Chapel. When the work is done, speakers, singers, and soloists should be better heard. The cost: about \$12,000.

As of January, **Clemmons's** building fund had *grown* to \$1.8 million (say, we could use that financial advisor, and the Women's Fellowship just chipped in \$10,000), and groundbreaking will be late spring or early summer. Meanwhile, **Hopewell** is waiting for a firm quote and final drawings of its new building, and reminds us that "any donations toward this project should be over and above your giving to the general fund." And **Union Cross** has a call out for fund-raising ideas for its building campaign. In the past Union Cross has shown its can-do spirit of raising buildings by volunteer work and such fund drives as soup, cake, and pie sales, even a "buy a seat" campaign. So how did Clemmons raise so much? In a word, "stewardship," its capital campaign committee says. More specifically, it was stewardship meaning "giving of the 'first fruits,' not what is left over." Now there's a sermon and a half for us. And an excellent example to follow.

Note in a February newsletter: "Your help is needed to make Christmas candles!" So you see, life goes on in the Moravian Church despite mere economic adversity.

—Richard W. Starbuck, *Moravian Archives*

Turbulent times in old Salem

Johann Friedrich Peter is one of our great Moravian composers with anthems and concertos to his credit. But did you know he spent 10 years in Salem — 10 of the most exciting years we have ever had (two armies, a major battle nearby, a first Fourth of July, the Tavern burning, and the Sisters House built)?

Learn all this and more when Philip Dunigan, retired flute professor of the University of North Carolina School of the Arts and currently researcher for the Moravian Music Foundation, will present "Johann Friedrich Peter: The Salem Years" as the "Lunchtime Lecture" 12:15-12:45 p. m. Thursday, March 12, at the Archie K. Davis Center (the "Archives/Music Foundation building") in Old Salem.

The lecture is free and open to all, 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. (Snow policy: Do not venture out unless you have phoned us (336-722-1742 or 725-0651) and we say driving is okay.)

(submitted by Richard Starbuck)

George Hamilton IV at Providence

April 3, 2009

George Hamilton IV will be at Providence Moravian Church on Friday, **April 3** for an Easter concert at 7pm. Everyone is cordially invited. Pastors are asked to announce this invitation to their congregations.



July 19–25, 2009 Belmont Abbey College Belmont NC



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For Your Calendar

First Friday at Christ Moravian-7pm	Mar 6
Leadership Focus in FL	Mar 7
Faith & Order in Winston-Salem.....	Mar 9-11
Provincial Financial Board	Mar 10
Lunch Lecture @ Davis Center	Mar 12
Spring Youth Thing @ Home-5pm	Mar 15
PEC Meeting.....	Mar 17
Easter Band Practice	Mar 22
BEHM Meeting.....	Mar 26
Leadership Focus @ Peace Moravian.....	Mar 28
Easter Band Practice	Mar 29
PEC	Mar 31

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