

Provincial Ties

Come, Lord Jesus, our Guest to be. And bless these gifts bestowed by Thee.

Easter breathed new life into this tired, old, ritualized table grace. Since learning these words as a child, I've either said or prayed them an estimated 50,000 times. No kidding — do the math. But indeed, new life came to this “Moravian Blessing” when I surprisingly discovered it buried beneath the words of Luke’s 24th chapter.

On the day of the Resurrection, two dejected disciples are walking home from Jerusalem to the town of Emmaus. Jesus, in the guise of stranger, joins them on the road, and when they reach their home, they invite the stranger to be their guest for the night:

They drew near the village to which they were going. He appeared to be going farther, but they constrained him, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.”

Come, Lord Jesus, our Guest to be.

So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.

And bless these gifts bestowed by Thee.

They returned to Jerusalem and told the eleven disciples what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

There are two ways to share this Easter table blessing. One way is to say the blessing, pick up a fork, and begin to eat. The other way is to pray the blessing and sense the presence of Another at the table, a Guest who becomes the Host and grants a subtle taste of holy communion as we begin the meal.

The Lord is risen.

The Rev. John D. Rights

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Congregations and Fellowships

Advent
Ardmore
Bethabara
Bethania
Bethesda
Calvary
Christ
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Clemmons
Community Fellowship
Cordero de Dios Fellowship
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Enterprise
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First Moravian (GA)
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Friedberg
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Fulp
Good Shepherd
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New Hope (NC)
New Philadelphia
Oak Grove
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Palm Beach
Palmetto Fellowship
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Concerns & Celebrations

“ABIDE IN ME AS I ABIDE IN YOU. JUST AS THE BRANCH CANNOT BEAR FRUIT BY ITSELF UNLESS IT ABIDES IN THE VINE, NEITHER CAN YOU UNLESS YOU ABIDE IN ME.”

JOHN 15:4

Deaths:

Sister **Dorothy Weber**, wife of **Christian Weber**-Moravian Minister, passed away on April 2 in Winston-Salem, NC. Brother and Sister Weber’s ministry included Boca Raton and Tequesta, Florida and Bethania, North Carolina.



Sister **Treva Kimball**, mother of the Rev. **Roger Kimball and Mitzi**, passed away on April 23 in Winston-Salem, NC.

Sister **Romania Lipscomb**, mother of **Mae L. Rodney and the Rev. Cedric Rodney**, passed away on April 24 in Durham, NC.

We express our love and sympathy to their families and friends.

Illness:

Sister **Polly Applefield**, Moravian Minister

Brother **Hal Cole**, Moravian Minister

Our prayers are with these.

New Staff at Sunnyside:

Sunnyside Ministry is pleased to announce that **Jonathan Barnes** has joined their staff as Administrative Coordinator. He is looking forward to working with the many volunteers serving those in need.

Welcome!



Moravian Theological Seminary
Commencement-**May 16, 2009, 4 pm**
Central Moravian Church in Bethlehem, PA

James W. Demby
Nola Reed Knouse

Congratulations Southern Province Approved Candidates for Ordination!

Ordination Anniversaries May

Sam Marx.....	67 years
Bill Campbell.....	47 years
Bill Gramley	47 years
Bob Sawyer.....	42 years
Daniel Crews	39 years
Rick Sides	34 years
Carl Southerland	33 years
Jon Peterson	29 years
David Merritt	27 years
Kevin Frack	26 years
Ted Burcaw.....	23 years
Craig Atwood.....	22 years
Neal Jones.....	20 years
Lehoma Goode.....	19 years
Sam Gray	13 years
Matthew Allen	11 years
Robert Peek.....	10 years
Polly Applefield.....	8 years



Congratulations and God Bless You!

Births:



Carlton and Joanna Hurt have been blessed with a second child, **Brooklyn Joyce Hurt**, born on April 10, 2009 in Ashburn, Virginia. Proud Grandmother is **Donna Hurt**, PEC member.

Paula Hall and Kip Grabs have been blessed with a fifth child, **Elizabeth Jane Grabs**, born on April 29 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Paula is Director of Christian Education at King Moravian in King, NC.

Congratulations!

PEC REPORT:



The Provincial Elders' Conference met on March 31 and April 21, 2009.

Burkette, Hunter, Hurt, Sapp, Sides and Sparks were present for the meetings. The meetings began with intercessory prayers.

Various concerns and opportunities were discussed related to congregations, fellowships and personnel in the Province. The call process continues 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. The progress of candidates for ordained ministry was reviewed and discussed, including reports from the Ordination Review Committee.

PEC reviewed plans for a series of "town meeting" presentations concerning the proposal for a new provincial structure, and agreed on August 15, 2009 as a preferred date for a workshop for delegates to the Special Synod scheduled for September 11-12, 2009. The Special Synod will open with a dinner at New Philadelphia at 6 pm on September 11, followed by worship and the first business session. It was also noted that information concerning the proposed new structure is available on the following website: www.moravianstructure.org. PEC also discussed additional plans for the stated Synod of 2010.

In other matters, PEC revised the Seminary Loan Agreement to clarify various points, briefly noted for future discussion several proposals from the Unity Task Force (all related to administration and organization of the Unity) that will go to Unity Synod, reviewed requests for assistance from the Ader Young People's Education Fund and the Aldridge Fund for Christian Educators and heard reports on recent meetings of the Board of World Mission and the Board of Trustees of Moravian Theological Seminary. PEC noted with gratitude the service of Prof. Glenn Asquith who will retire this academic year after 31 years of teaching at Moravian Theological Seminary.

Various other matters were discussed and information shared concerning the life and min-

istry of the Southern Province. Triennial reviews scheduled between April 30 and June 22 include: the 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 May 11 and 19, 2009.

(submitted by Wayne Burkette)

Special Synod and the Proposed Structure of the Southern Province

A special synod has been called for **September 11 & 12, 2009** to consider a new structure for the Moravian Church Southern Province. All Moravians are encouraged to visit the web site www.moravianstructure.org for details. Also on the web site are the dates and times of six town meetings which will be held throughout the Province during April and May. Everyone is cordially invited to attend one of these meetings to learn more about the proposed structure.

(submitted by Powell Winstead)

Guidelines for Sabbaticals

The Commission on Ordained Ministry is working with the PEC on "Guidelines for Sabbaticals." The most recent draft document is on our website at www.mcsp.org in the Resource Section under Moravian Ministry.

(submitted by Bob Hunter)

May 10, 2009 Prayer Day

Salemtowne

Moravian Music Sunday

Attention All Southern Province Band Musicians

If you would like to be individually informed about any provincial wide band events please register your e-mail address at the Moravian Band web site www.moravianband.org. Registration requires only your name and e-mail address and will only take seconds to complete. Once registered, anytime there is a provincial need for a band you will receive an e-mail notification with all the details. Your e-mail address will not be used for any purpose other than band matters and you would receive no more than 4-5 e-mails per year on average. If you want to know what's going on concerning the Southern Province band, sign up and no longer depend on hearing the news from someone else.

(submitted by Jeff Whitsett, Director, The Moravian Bands of Winston-Salem)

Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders



will be presented **November 16-20, 2009** at New Philadelphia Moravian Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The institute is designed to equip church leaders with the skills necessary to deal effectively with interpersonal, congregational, and other forms of group conflict. It also includes a component on congregational intervention and consultation, placed within the context of family systems theory. For registration information, call Lombard Mennonite Peace Center at 630-627-0507 or visit the website - www.LMPeaceCenter.org.

(submitted by David Guthrie)



July 19-25, 2009 Belmont Abbey College Belmont NC

Salem Moravian Band from Madiba Bay, South Africa will perform the Prelude for the Friday night closing concert. Following tradition, the trombone choir will have a concert on Saturday morning. The trombone choir will be directed by Dr. Donna Rothrock.

(submitted by Paddy Wigney)

Burkette receives John Amos Comenius Award

The Rt. Rev. Dr. **D. Wayne Burkette**, PEC President and former Head of School for Salem Academy, received the John Amos Comenius Award of Distinction during ceremonies held as part of the annual Founder's Day celebration on April 17 at Salem Academy and College.

The Comenius Award is the highest award given by Salem to a non alumna, and is named for John Amos Comenius, an early Moravian bishop and advocate of universal education. The award, last made by Salem in 2004, is given to individuals who meet one or more of these criteria: longstanding service to Salem; exceptional professional and/or artistic achievement; significant leadership in public affairs; outstanding community service; or distinguished scholarly achievement. The selection is made by a committee consisting of the Board of Trustees chair, the presidents of the Academy and the College alumnae associations; two trustees; a former award recipient; and the president of the combined institution.

Congratulations!

Mission Awareness Dinner

On Sunday evening, **May 17, 6 pm**
Macedonia Moravian Church

Young people who have served on recent mission trips will share experiences: **Leah Weatherman** in Honduras; **Joanne Jemsek, Billy Flip-pin**, and youth from Little Church on the Lane in Charlotte, NC in Nicaragua; **Jack Davis** who plans to serve in Sierra Leone next year as an Antioch Servant. All mission team participants for the remainder of 2009 will be commissioned by the Rt. Rev. Lane Sapp.

Come at 4:30 pm to view displays and hear the band; meal will be served at 5 pm. Matt Johnson and friends will present special music before the program begins.

Dinner: \$9; send reservations to the Mission Office, 500 South Church St., Winston-Salem, NC 27101.

(submitted by Sheila Beaman)

Aging is a Family Affair

“Aging is a Family Affair” is an interactive presentation which describes various community resources for older adults: health, legal, social support, etc. Panel members will address typical situations of families and will answer questions, and written material will be available. The presentation will be held at **Friedland Moravian Church**, 336-788-2652, on Sunday, **May 17** from 3 to 5 pm. The public is invited and there is no cost.

Panel members include social worker/counselor Cathy Wilson, LCSW; elder law attorney Bailey Liipfert; and Bob Cain, home health care expert. The information session is brought to the community by Salemtowne Moravian Retirement Community, Senior Services, Inc., The Shepherd’s Center of Greater Winston-Salem, the Congregational Nurse and Health Council of Forsyth County, Piedmont HomeHealth, and Friedland Moravian Church.

(submitted by Linda Browne, Chaplain)

Church World Service Health Kits

Is a group in your church looking for a hands-on mission project? Over the years Moravians in the Southern Province have provided thousands of health kits to Church World Service (CWS). In 2008 there were some changes in this program. CWS made a new list of contents for the kits (toothpaste and metal nail files are no longer permitted), and the shipping cost donation increased from \$2 to \$3 to help cover the expenses of sending the kits to the distribution center in Maryland. Information and instructions about this mission opportunity have been provided to church offices and Senior Friends groups and are available at the BEHM web site on our “Resources” page. <http://www.moravianevangelism.org>. Contact the BEHM office (336-725-6413) if you have questions or are interested in participating.

(submitted by David Guthrie)

Lay Seminary— Summer 2009

“The Rest of the Story—

The Lives of the Apostles”

July 10-12, 2009

Laurel Ridge Camp & Conference Center

Presenter: Dr. Jim Fleming, Executive Director,
Biblical Resources Study Center

What happened to the men and women who followed Jesus, served with him in his ministry, and went on to lead the Christian church? Using scripture, historical geography, archaeology and theological development the lives of the people who gave witness to Jesus and professed him as Christ will be looked at closely.

Registration forms may be obtained at any church office, by calling Laurel Ridge at 888-831-5922, or on the Board of Christian Education web site: www.moravianboardofce.org.

(sponsored by the Board of Christian Education)

Our Lives Proclaim God’s Love: Building Community, sharing in Mission

The ladies attending the Spiritual Life Retreat, sponsored by the Provincial Women’s Board, during April 17-19, 2009 at Laurel Ridge experienced an opportunity to proclaim God’s love in our lives through building community and sharing in mission. Over 50 women came from near and far to become one community in Christ: Advent, Christ, Clemmons, Covenant, First Georgia, Grace, Home, Hope, Hopewell, King, King of Kings, Konnoak Hills, Messiah, New Philadelphia, and Union Cross.

Lisa Mixon, Director of People in Mission for the Board of World Mission was the retreat facilitator. Using scripture, she motivated us to share in local and global missions. Lisa encouraged participants to feel more connected to and focused on God, to value the importance of building relationships and because of that we would seek to love everyone. When we put our focus on God and loving others, it propels us to go out and serve in God’s mission.

(submitted by Tamra W. Thomas)

From The Provincial Treasurer's Office

2008 Church Audits – I don't want to sound like a broken record, but I just wanted to remind all of our churches one more time that 2008 Church Audits are due in to the Treasurer's Office by May 15, 2009. Instructions and forms went out to all Church Treasurers and Trustee Chairs in late February. Please give us a call if you have any questions. I am not worried (yet) but as of this writing, we have only received five audits.

Change in Health Insurance Carriers – As mentioned last month, we switched our Province's health insurance program to Aetna effective April 1. While there have been a few transition issues, the overall switch has been pretty much seamless. All participating employees are encouraged to log on to the Aetna web site and set up your personal account. From there you can access many of the extra benefits and programs Aetna has to offer, find participating doctors, check on the status of a claim, etc.

2009 Provincial Stewardship "Presentation" – I know it seems too early to be thinking about 2010 budgets but please mark your calendars now for Friday afternoon, **September 11, 2009**. This is the date for this year's Provincial Stewardship Presentation. Since the Special Synod starts on September 11 at New Philadelphia Moravian Church, we decided to hold this year's budget presentation, also at New Philadelphia, just before the Synod. Hopefully this will allow for more members from out of town churches to attend the budget presentation and it will avoid having multiple events on consecutive days. (Normally the Stewardship Dinner would have been on Thursday night, September 10.) The meeting will start at 4:30 pm and should be over by 6 pm.

Church Accounting Software – A question by one of our church treasurers sparked my curiosity as to what accounting software our churches use and why. After polling all our churches, I received 26 responses. The two most prominent (and apparently powerful) packages appear to be Power-Church Plus and ACS Technologies. Quicken and Quick Books were also popular packages. If you would like more details about what was said about any of these packages, please give me a call, 336-722-7922.

(submitted by Ted Leinbach, Provincial Treasurer)

Clergy Breakfasts on Immigration

The North Carolina Council of Churches is sponsoring "From Hostility to Hospitality: Immigration and the Church," a series of clergy breakfasts across the state to discuss immigration issues in local contexts. Breakfast events in proximity to our congregations include:

Durham, NC

Thursday, **May 21**, 7:30-9:00 am

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

1737 Hillandale Rd, Durham, NC 27705

Speakers: Dr. Stephen Chapman, Professor of Old Testament, Duke Divinity School; Rev. Julio Ramirez-Eve, Pastor, Emmanuel Hispanic Presbyterian Church

Winston-Salem

Wednesday, **May 27**, 7:30-9:00 am

Green Street United Methodist Church

639 S Green St, Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Speakers: Dr. Jill Crainshaw, Professor of Ministry Studies, Wake Forest Divinity School; Rev. Kristina Johnson, Director, La Vela Latino Center for Spiritual Care

For more information or to reserve a seat, contact the N.C. Council of Churches at (919) 828-6501 or www.nccouncilofchurches.org/immigration.

(submitted by John D. Rights)

Happy 250th, Bethania!

Bethabara was the beginning of the Southern Province, but the Moravians' first *planned* settlement was Bethania in 1759, which is a good reason for Archivist Daniel Crews to speak "In Honor of Bethania's 250th Anniversary" at the "Lunchtime Lecture" 12:15-12:45 pm Thursday, **May 14**, 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.

(submitted by Richard Starbuck)

Newsletter Notes

From around the Southern Province

“Glorious!” That’s the description for this year’s Easter when the Sunrise Services all around enjoyed near perfect weather. Estimates for **Salem Congregation’s** Sunrise Service had about 8,800 in attendance. The Great Sabbath Service of Music the evening before also had a large attendance, with **Home Church** almost packed. Certainly the choir was packed (but comfortably), all 77(!) of them, as director Drake Flynt and organist Mary Louise Kapp Peeples got the most out of the (mostly) Moravian music service. It was, well, “glorious!”

Test run completed Easter morning on **Fairview’s** new used bus. Verdict: It’s a snap to get into and out of. No more “dinged” tubas, trombones, etc. And it has heat.

On Easter Sunday **Home Church** had its last worship for a season in its 209-year-old sanctuary, as renovations get down to serious business. Tops on the priority list: replacement of the 50-year-old heating and cooling system. The nearly 100-year-old pews will be refurbished, and the hardwood floor will be revealed with installation of carpet runners. A long list of other projects awaits funding as (we hope) the economy improves. Meanwhile, Home Church continues regular Sunday worship next door in its fellowship hall.

King continues its quest on replacing its old Rogers organ, which has accompanied services for the last 37 years. The question being put is not like buying a car, but, “What will be the Voice that leads our congregation in worship for the next 50 or 100 years?” That’s forward thinking to consider accompaniment for children’s children. For the record, the old Rogers organ was first used October 8, 1972, when Mrs. Dean Hartgrove “gave a demonstration of its performance during the Sunday School Hour.” It cost \$12,899.60 but with \$500 trade-in of the old organ.

We like **King’s** newsletter. It’s so chock full of news. Recently we learned of the demise of a goldfish. The disposal got it. And Pastor Jim Newsom conducted his January 18 sermon between himself and his cell phone. And we quote:

“You can’t get God on your cell phone.”

The Chicken Pie Project at **Konnoak Hills** has been busy. Already this year it has turned out more than 1,200 pies and \$7,500, with \$4,750 going to the organ repair and the rest to other projects, plus one poem entitled “Shall We Gather at the Kitchen.” At 10 inches diameter per pie, that’s 12,000 inches or 1,000 feet or three and a third football fields of chicken pie.

Friedberg’s next pictorial directory will have a new wrinkle — advertisements “. . .but not just any ads!” They will be ads for businesses where Friedberg members work. So while helping to pay for the directory, the ads will help support the members.

— *Richard W. Starbuck, Moravian Archives*

Classified

Home for Rent in Walnut Cove, NC: An Antioch Servant teaching in Costa Rica is seeking someone to rent her 3-bedroom home. Rent is \$600/month from August 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010. For more information, contact Sheila Beaman in the Mission Office, 336-773-1732.

Christian Education Director: Calvary Moravian seeks part-time (20-25 hours/week) to administrate/coordinate its CE program. References are required. Mail resumes to: Bill Burke, Chairperson, Personnel Committee, Calvary Moravian Church, 600 Holly Avenue, Winston-Salem, NC 27101.

Elementary Teachers needed in Honduras: English-speaking teacher to teach 2-4 children from 3rd - 7th grade. The school supports children of missionaries serving a rural and underserved area of eastern Honduras as doctors, pilots and youth ministers. Contact the Mission Office for a job description, 336-773-1732.



Salem Band Concerts 2009

Salem Square, Winston-Salem, NC
No Charge



June 2-8pm
June 16-8pm
June 30 - 8pm *Patriotic*
July 14-8pm
July 28-8pm
August 11-8pm
August 25—8pm
September 13-3pm

(In the event of rain in Salem at 7 pm, the concert will be cancelled.)

(submitted by Jeff Whitsett, Director)

For Your Calendar

Synod 2010 Planning Committee-1:30pm....	May 7
Unity & Ecumenical Affairs-3:30pm.....	May 7
Town Hall Meeting @ Little Church, 7-9pm..	May 7
Prayer Day-Moravian Retirement Com.	May 10
Prayer Day-Moravian Music Foundation	May 10
PEC Meeting.....	May 11
Provincial Financial Board	May 12
Lunch Lecture "Bethania's 250"-12:15pm...	May 14
Moravian College/Seminary Graduation	May 16
FL District Board.....	May 16
Town Hall Meeting@Palm Beach, 3-5pm....	May 16
Town Hall Meeting@Raleigh, 10am-noon...	May 16
Older Adult Workshop@Friedland.....	May 17
Mission Awareness Dinner@Macedonia.....	May 17
PEC Meeting.....	May 19
Salem College Commencement.....	May 23
Holiday.....	May 25
BEHM Meeting.....	May 28
Salem Academy Graduation	May 30

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