

The Moravia Star



May 2018

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2018 Synod of the Moravian Church in America, Southern Province elects Rev. Carol Foltz Bishop

The recently held Southern Provincial Synod elected Rev. Carol Foltz as a Bishop of the Moravian Church. She was one of two among 84 eligible Presbyters to be elected by ballot. Pastor Foltz's consecration will be held at a later date.

Rev. Foltz will remain Moravia's pastor. Being a pastor of a church is still her primary calling. The role of Bishop is a matter of function and not of status, which means that she must set aside a portion of her time to carry out her duties in the capacity of Bishop. The Moravian Church understands the fundamental function of a Bishop to be the following:

- Serve as a pastor of pastors
- Provide spiritual counsel and leadership for the church
- Have a duty of intercession for the world-wide church

Rev. Foltz becomes the first ordained female minister in the Southern Province to be elected as a Bishop. Her election recognizes her God given gifts to the church in her many fruitful years of ordained ministry.

The congregation of Moravia Moravian Church is extremely proud that our pastor, Carol Foltz, is the FIRST female Bishop elected in the Southern Province. The congregation would like to extend its sincere congratulations and best wishes to Pastor Carol for a Blessed future.

Sunrise Service 2018



Dawn appeared over the eastern sky with beautiful shades of pink and blue. For April 1st this was an unseasonably warm morning. The graveyard with its array of colorful flowers celebrated this occasion. Moravia's choir and band rejoiced with song. Pastor Carol declared, "The Lord has Risen!" And the congregation replied, "The Lord has Risen, Indeed!"



At the end of the Sunrise Service the congregation formed a processional, walking slowly and

reverently to the cross. There, each person placed a flower on the cross, which had been earlier decorated with palm branches on Palm Sunday. The image in this photo expresses it all: The arrival of the Messiah, riding a humble donkey into Jerusalem and the celebration of the Jewish people, laying palm branches at His feet. The wooden cross, the symbol of the crucifixion and death of Jesus. The white shroud declaring His resurrection and ascension. And the flowers, representing our joy and faith in the Risen Lord.



Bible Study with Pastor Carol

In May Pastor Carol continues the study of Revelation, meeting Wednesday 2nd, 16th, 23rd, 30th
6:30 - 7:15pm

Missionaries Return from Lumberton

Moravia's Mission team spent seven days from April 8th to April 14th helping to restore a home in Lumberton, NC. The team, made up of Gary Stafford, Greg Westmoreland, Scott Trogdon, Rick Sadler, and Alan Buchanan, was one of several volunteer groups on hand working under the auspices of the NC Baptist Men's Mission, which provided logistical support for the volunteers. The work began each day with the volunteers gathered for morning prayer. Moravia's mission team was uniquely tailored for the task, having among its members a general contractor and a licensed plumber and electrician. At the end of the week the home had fully functional water and electricity. In addition the team painted the walls and installed in one room hard wood flooring. The men unanimously said that they received far more from their experience than they had given. They all felt blessed. If you would like to be part of this mission outreach team, please contact Gary Stafford.

Confirmation Weekend

On Sunday, April 15th, at morning worship service Pastor Carol had some of the young people taking part in Confirmation Weekend come forward and talk about what they had learned. Pastor Carol

said that we had seven young people taking part in the weekend program. They are Wilson Anders, Ashley and Millie Bennett, Christopher Roberts, Jackson Richardson, Gram Kerley, and Liam Seckler. First Moravian Church hosted the weekend activities. First Church had five youth involved. The young people studied "the Nature of God" and the historical characters of the Moravian Church. They also visited Temple Emanuel in Greensboro. Confirmation classes will continue on May 4th – 6th at Haw River State Park where the youth will be staying in cabins located on the park grounds.



Happy Birthdays

3 – Hunter Pegg, 6 – Elizabeth Barrett, 11 – Rebecca Bennett, 15 – Elyse Caroline Hampton, 16 – Hunter Roberts, 18 – Christopher Roberts, 21 – Murdoch Lee, 26 – Chris Hallyburton, 27 – Bill Daniel, 30 – Jason Crews, Phillip Westmoreland, and Jerry Wray, and 31 – Millie Bennett and Pamela Ringer



7 – Randall & Judy Westmoreland, 10 – Mike & Sunna Kimel, 17 – Rick & Susan Bennett

Unity Women's Desk Exceeds it campaign goal of \$250,000 to make changes in the lives of Moravian women throughout the world



Thanks to all who made this year's Holy Week such a meaningful experience!

Sunday School Social @ 9:30am on May 6th

This month's Sunday school Social breakfast will be a covered dish. Please come and join a wonderful fellowship and consider taking part in a Sunday School class.

Our Website

www.moraviamoravianchurch.org

Sunshine Room

Please help us restock the cupboard. We can't do this without you. We need everything, especially can goods like beans and corn! Recently, we have seen an increase in need, which has put a strain on our supplies. Thank you for helping us feed the hungry as Jesus requested. The Sunshine Room opens May 29th.

Susan Wagoner

Supper with Friends

Wednesday, May 9th, 6:00pm

Please join friends and neighbors for a wonderful time of fellowship and a delicious meal

Financial Report

Offering to Date

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Minimum Needed</u>	<u>Budget</u>
\$37,493.00		\$38,655.00
<u>Over/Under Minimum</u>		<u>Over/Under Budget</u>
		-\$1,162.00

Ministry Areas of Moravia

Pastor Carol Foltz, Chair (926-0381)
Jerry Wray, Vice-Chair (684-5803)
Betsy Montgomery, Board Member (668-4851)
Brenda Wright, Board Member (336 580-1674)
Gary Stafford, Board Member (338-1872)
Scott Trogdon, Board Member (402-2109)
Rick Sadler, Board Member (404 263-4686)
Rick Kellam, Chris Hallyburton, Bill Fulmer, Jerry Wray, Graveyard Committee
Jerry Wray, Shanda Trogdon, Roger Mophew, Gary Stafford, Outreach Committee
Sam Anders, Church Treasurer
Gary Stafford, Grounds Manager
Scott Trogdon, Facility Manager
Rick Wilson, Choir Director & Pianist
Elaine Sizemore, Organist
Tom Sizemore, Head Usher
Jack Claybrook, Assistant Head Usher
Kay Bennett & Patricia Hill, Sacristans

Cheryl Hallyburton, Betsy Montgomery, Rick Wilson, Chris Hallyburton, Sunday School Teachers
Shanda Trogdon, Head Diener
Kay Bennett, Assistant Head Diener
Rick Sadler & Gary Stafford, Coffee Makers
Denise Blevins, Church Secretary
Mike Kimel, Newsletter Editor, (336 643-3475), kimelm@bellsouth.net
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Southern Province approves Full Communion with The United Methodist Church



Prayer List

Members

Izula Fentress
Johnny Bennett – Cancer
Judy Vernon – Health Concerns
James Wilson – Health Concerns
Rachel Terrell – Health Concerns
Bonnie King – Health Concerns
Lewis Robbins – Cancer
Family of Roy Lee
Family of Leonard Lee
Phillip and Becky Westmoreland – Strength for Everyday
Jack Claybrook
Roger Mophew

Family & Friends

Herbert Walker – Cancer
Betty Robinson – Long term illness
Marita Green – Breast Cancer
Judy Ellington – Cancer (Kay & Patricia's Sister-in-law)
Robert Hamlett – Ongoing health problems
Don Casey - Medical issues (Mike's brother-in-law)
Margaret Adkins – Ongoing health issues
Sarah Welborn – Ongoing health problems
Amanda Mophew-Ulm – Health concerns
Jean Stofanik – Health concerns
Seth Lee – Heart surgery
Meredith Lee – Breast Cancer
Joanne Beeson
Rebecca Lee – Moved to Japan to teach English (daughter of Jack & Dena Lee)
Donna Aylsworth – Brenda Wright's daughter-in-law's mother
Thomas Willard – Throat Procedure (Phyllis Ander's cousin)
Norma Caltagirone – Cancer
Bonita Beshears – Recovering from surgery
Sue Atkins – Heart monitor complications
Tyler Ziglar – boot camp (Greg & Sherri Westmoreland's nephew)
Violet Hedrick – Health issues
Paul Willard – Cancer
Sandy Moffield – Daughter of Thirlene Holt
Family of Rev. Jack Nance
Traci Fulmer Wright- seriously ill (daughter of Bill Fulmer)

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Church Activity Schedule

May 2 – Bible Study with Pastor Carol @ 6:30pm
May 4-6 – Confirmation Weekend at Haw River State Park
May 6 – Sunday School Social @ 9:30am
May 9 – Supper with Friends @ 6:00pm
May 16 – Bible Study with Pastor Carol @ 6:30pm
May 23 – Bible Study with Pastor Carol @ 6:30pm
May 29 – Sonshine Room @ 1:30pm
May 30 – Bible Study with Pastor Carol @ 6:30pm

Moravia's Mission

With our unity in Christ, Moravia Moravian Church provides Christian Fellowship and Nurturing for anyone seeking ways in which They can serve, care for, and love all of God's Children

