

The Moravia Star



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Affirming the Essentials

In Synod 2018 the Moravian Church, Southern Province affirmed the ancient Moravian understanding that the Essentials are: God creates, God redeems, and God makes us holy; and we respond in Faith, Love, and Hope. And, Moravians in the twenty-first century are grounded in the living experience of faith in Christ, active love for others, and joyful hope.

- While acknowledging their differences, Moravians shall be open to the encouragement and admonition of the other church for the sake of the Gospel.
- They recognize and value the distinctive gifts present in each historic but separated part of the Body of Christ, thus believing they have contributions, which they can make to each other.
- They will cooperate in common Christian mission through full communion in faith, life, and witness.

The Meaning of Full Communion for Moravians

In Synod 2018 the Southern Province approved a full communion relationship with the United Methodist Church. What does full communion mean for Moravians?

In pursuing full communion with another church, Moravians remove any perceived barriers between themselves and another church and live out their affirmations about Christ's Church.

When Moravians mutually affirm a relationship of full communion with another church:

- They mutually recognize and respect each other as part of the one holy, catholic and apostolic church.
- They mutually recognize each other's practice of the dominical sacraments, thus allowing for joint worship, Eucharistic fellowship, and exchangeability of members.
- They allow for the orderly exchange of ordained ministers.

Inspirational Message

On the Sunday when we celebrated through communion the renewal of the Moravian Church we heard an inspirational message from one of our young adults, Chris Bennett, who completed a two month long mission trip to Myrtle Beach. Like the young Moravians of 1727, Chris embarked on a mission of evangelism. Staying with five other young adults, he devoted his time to learning how to communicate the gospel message. Daily, he and his roommates studied the Bible, had prayer time, and engaging discussion. Chris mentioned opportunities at Wal-Mart and McDonalds, where he worked, to witness, spreading the good news. Moravia is very proud of this young man, who is emerging as a very strong advocate of our faith.



Chris Bennett

New Security Measures

The Board would like to make everyone aware that we have been looking into the security of our church and the safety of our congregation. One change that you may notice is locked doors. A few minutes before 11:00 on Sunday mornings a member of the security team will lock all exterior doors leaving the front door of the sanctuary unlocked for entry. With us all in the sanctuary the need to secure all other entrances is important. If you need to leave during Sunday morning worship to go into the Sunday School area or Hearthsides room, please use the door to the right of the piano. Thank you for your attention and assistance in making Moravia Moravian the welcoming church that it is!

Scott Trogon, Church Board

Sonshine Room

Items needed for September:
MAC N CHEESE PEANUT
BUTTER JELLY RICE DRIED
BEANS CANNED MEATS, FRUITS AND
VEGETABLES COLD CEREAL
Thank You for your Donation!



YOUTH YARD SALE
September 15th
8:00am to 1:00pm

If you would like to donate items, please drop them off in the Old Fellowship Hall. The deadline for all donated items is Friday, September 14 @ noon. Be sure to see Treasurer, Sam Anders for a tax receipt if needed. Thank you for your support.

Betsy Montgomery

Coupons

For calendar year 2017 Moravia collected \$34,239.00 worth of coupons for our men and women in uniform serving at the U.S. Naval Air Station in Atsuga, Japan. Thanks very much for the support. POC is Linda Crews



Chicken Pie making will be Saturday, September 8 at 6:30am. Help is also needed at 9:30am to package pies and clean up.



**FALL BAZAAR -
OCTOBER 20th**



What a wonderful day we shared ministering to the Foster Care community on Friday evening Aug 3rd and Saturday Aug 4th. With the many schools supplies we had donated by the wonderful Moravia Moravian Family, it was a great success. The Back to School Event was

able to serve around 30 children in the foster care system. Everyone of the foster parents thanked us all so much for all we were doing to help them. They each gave us blessings as they departed.



Kelly Virgil helping at Foster Closet

Many asked if we would be doing this each year. And I pray we can. Thank you to all who helped set up and clean up...and work the event. I want to give a HUGE thank you to Kelly and Brad Virgil and Sarah Roberts for your tedious work and dedication to the foster community to which you served all week long. And to Moravia for allowing this ministry to thrive and grow into whatever God has in mind.

Please contact Shanda 336-501-1333 or visit www.inallthingslove.org

Provincial Women's Board 2018 Fall Celebration

Featuring a Silent Auction Proceeds to be given to the Moravian Women's Conference

**Friedberg Moravian Saturday,
September 8, 2018 at 9:00am**

We are accepting your donations of your beautiful handmade items for the Silent Auction now. If you have items to donate for the Silent

Auction please call Vicki Stanfield at 336.682.5827. The Bible Study and Mission Study Workshops will be led by Rev. Judy Knopf and Rev. Fran Saylor. Lunch will be served at noon, prepared by the wonderful cooks of Friedberg. Silent Auction winners will be announced after lunch is served. More information will be coming SOON!

The Rest of the Story The Lee Family Series By Ted Wright

On January 27, 1963 the Greensboro Daily News published an article written by Kay Kimbrough, entitled, "Study of Lees – From Guilford." Ms. Kimbrough speculates that the Lees of Guilford County may be related to the famous Lees of Virginia. Genealogical records revealed that some of the Lees of Virginia settled in Guilford County in the mid 1700's and later. Ms. Kimbrough also interviewed Mr. James Monroe Lee (we knew him as "Uncle Mon"), who told her about his father, Washington Monroe Lee, Jr. and his uncle, Washington Henry Lee's stories about their service in the Confederate army during the Civil War.

This interview took place at the old Lee home place where Uncle Mon and Aunt Susie lived on highway 150, which still stands today at 1816 Oak Ridge Road. The house is now unoccupied, but is owned by Rick Everett, Uncle Mon's grandson, who lives in a more recent home on the same land at 1818, little further down the driveway.

I remember Uncle Mon and Aunt Susie, and respectfully addressed them as such, as did almost everyone else in the congregation, as they had few contemporaries. This gentle couple was that well loved and commanded that much respect from us, even without the bonds of kinship.

This story of the Lee family is complicated by time and many descendants. I have known some of them for most of my life, I do not know all of them and therefore can tell only part of their story, which is generally limited to Moravia. My starting points are:

(1) A Mr. Lee started the Sunday School 121 years ago, which became Moravia.

(2) The descendants of three brothers, John R, Lee, Sr., William Lee, (Uncle Will), and Monroe Lee (Uncle Mon), three to five generations later are many of the church members we know today.

(3) With the recent loss of John, Roy, and Leonard Lee, the church records and the stones in God's Acre speak silent witness to the past, and there is a possibility that this effort, like the newspaper report may be incomplete even within the congregation.

The Lee family is a family of American patriots with members and extended family members serving their country in the majority of America's foreign wars and military conflicts, including the Civil War. Aunt Ida Lee, (J.R. Lee, Sr.'s wife), had five sons serving in the armed forces during World War II at the same time. To my knowledge, John, Roy, and Leonard served in WWII and Korea. Doug and Ray Lee served during Viet Nam, Rusty Lee served in Iraq, and Michael Crews was serving in the Marines at the time of his death from an automobile accident.

I remember, as I am sure most of you do, John and Roy Lee posting the colors in church on Memorial Day Sundays dressed in their VFW uniforms, and seeing all the little American flags by veterans' gravestones in the graveyard.

As these surnames show, the extended Lee family has constituted a solid core of both the earlier and current Moravian congregation. This has probably had a positive effect on helping shape the "church family" atmosphere

that exists to this day at Moravia because in addition to the ties of faith, there are ties of blood and marriage among many members, which carries into today's congregation.

This heritage of closeness perpetuates itself through the interaction in which our lives intertwine proportional to our participation in the several activities (worship, social, fund raising, maintenance, and out-reach of the church). The dimensions of our lives are expanded with every friend we make. This has been a positive influence in my life through examples of people I have admired and friendships I have made. The point of confiding this is twofold: I was 19 years old when I joined Moravia, and I was a "new" member who married into the congregation, and became accepted (possibly tolerated) through this process. Moravia is my church and Moravia is your church; therefore, Moravia is OUR church.

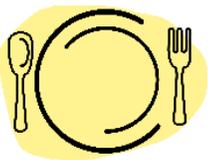
The rural, agricultural communities of Oak Ridge and Summerfield have developed into semi-suburban "bedroom" communities of commuters who are employed in the cities of the triad area. Again, we are confronted by change, which is continuing at an accelerated pace. With the passage of time, and the dilution of the generational membership of the congregation, the unwritten, unofficial, and unintentional "probation" of new members has become simply the natural process of familiarization in new surroundings – and "finding your own place on a pew." Familiarization is always a two-way street, and acceptance is a natural process in any culture or society. The length of the process is shortened by frequent exposure.

I hope I have opened the door to the importance of the Lee family from long ago until more recently. Hopefully, more insights will surface if the descendants of "Uncle Will," "Uncle Mon," and John R. Lee Senior, will help me correct, confirm, and progress from there in future editions of the Star.

I would like to go on record that I have reported changes I have observed and tried to identify to fit the text into harmonious context with the times when it occurred. I am not advocating change, pro or con at Moravia, but point out that it is happening every day in our lives. Please forgive any "political correctness," as none is intended – only observations over the span of fifty-plus years.

A huge thank you to Becky Westmoreland for the Greensboro Daily News article and her help in sorting out the branches of the Lee family tree. I am responsible for limiting the members to the Moravia that I remember, and my memory is not infallible. If anyone was left out, it was not done purposefully, and I am sorry.

(Please note that some editing was done to make this article fit the newsletter)



Supper with Friends

This month's Supper with Friends on Sep 12th @ 6pm will be hosted by Chris Hallyburton's Adult Sunday School Class.



A special **Thank You** is extended to the SWF Committee for organizing a wonderful church picnic and John Wray for pressure washing the shelter and making sure it was in tip top shape, even though it rained, and we had to move the picnic indoors.

AGING Well

Fall Rally

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

12:30pm/Tickets \$10/person

Konnoak Hills Moravian

Special Speaker The Rt. Rev. Carol Foltz

Come and enjoy lunch and hear the Rt. Rev. Carol Foltz speak! Carol will present "I Got Gratitude."

Purchase tickets through the BCM or your Aging Well liaison by October 7. Please bring a non-perishable food item for Sunnyside Ministry.



John Leonard Dober and David Nitschman are names you may not readily recognize. Dober was a potter and David a carpenter. These were ordinary occupations for two extraordinary men whose adventure shaped the Moravian Church. In 1732, they left the security of their jobs and families and became the first Moravian missionaries. It was not an easy task but they answered the call to "come and minister the gospel to us". Their purpose in life was to follow the Lamb who had given his life for them and for all the souls of the world.

This year the Moravian Church Southern Province is celebrating this historic event by hosting a modern Moravian Ministry Voyage. It

will be held on Saturday, September 15 in the afternoon at Advent Moravian Church. Each agency associated in some way with the Moravian Church today will have a booth in a fair setting to talk and display how their agency is ministering the gospel to Moravians today. Moravians of all ages – young and old-can visit these booths and learn about our mission today.

The afternoon will be culminated by a production of ***Irene: the Adventure Begins*** – a story of faith and mission for Moravians. This musical, originally written by Brother John Wallace of the Northern Province, and adapted and directed by Sister Joyce Carter, will warm your hearts. The musical will also help you learn about the early history of Moravians in the islands and the beginnings of the Moravian Church in North America.

It is an excellent opportunity for children, confirmation classes, adults, and everyone to learn about this significant event. The ministry fair will be from 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The play performance will be at 2:00 p.m.

For more info and updates, visit

Moravian.Online/MoravianVoyage.Moravian



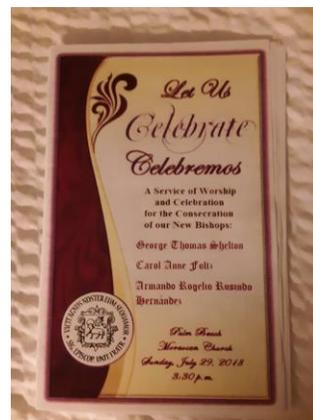
On Sunday, July 29, Bishop Carol was in West Palm Beach, Florida for a Celebration of the Consecration of three bishops in the past year. The Bishops are Armondo Rogelio Rusindo Herdandez from Cuba, Carol Foltz and Tom Shelton of the Southern Province. Bishop Sam Gray was the preacher for the service.

The RCC for the Florida and Georgia Moravians sponsored the Celebrations. This RCC includes 6 congregations and 5 fellowships. Each congregation offered a presentation of music for the service. The bishops were asked to share their personal celebration of their election to be bishops. They were also asked to pray for immigrants around the world.

The celebration ended with a wonderful Caribbean meal of fish or chicken with vegetables and rice.

Sunday School Social @ 9:30am on September 2nd

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



Financial Report

Offering to Date

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Minimum Needed</u>	<u>Budget</u>
\$71,271.00		\$79,887.00
<u>Over/Under Minimum</u>		<u>Over/Under Budget</u>
		-\$8,616.00

Happy Birthdays

1 – Rick Sadler, **8** – Elaine Isley and Bonnie King,
9 – Susan Whitfield, **10** – Dan Rose, **13** – Logan Gibson,
15 – Jackson Richardson, **17** – Greg Westmoreland,
19 – Kelly Virgil, **22** – Betsy Montgomery, **23** – Brad
Virgil, **24** – Jane Hudson and Cathy Lee, **28** – Brad
Virgil, Jr, and **30** – Glen Kerley, Timmy Lee, and Kathy
Wray



5 – Alan & Janet Buchanan, **14** – Scott & Shanda
Trogon, and **16** – Rick Sadler & Pam Ringer

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 Trogon, Board Member (402-2109)
Rick Sadler, Board Member (404 263-4686)
Rick Kellam, Chris Hallyburton, Bill Fulmer, Jerry Wray, Graveyard
Committee
Jerry Wray, Shanda Trogon, Roger Morphew, Gary Stafford,
Outreach Committee
Sam Anders, Church Treasurer
Gary Stafford, Grounds Manager
Scott Trogon, 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 Trogon, 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)
Pam Ringer, Website Coordinator, (404-375-0394)
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Prayer List

Members

Izula Fentress
Johnny Bennett – Cancer
Judy Vernon – Health Concerns
James Wilson – Recovering at home
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
Bill Fulmer & Family
Cheryl Hallyburton – Recovering at home
Mamie Isley

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
Margaret Adkins – Ongoing health issues
Sarah Welborn – Ongoing health problems
Seth Lee – Heart surgery
Meredith Lee – Breast Cancer
Joanne Beeson
Rebecca Lee – Moved to Japan to teach English (daughter of Jack &
Dena Lee)
Thomas Willard – Throat Procedure (Phyllis Ander's cousin)
Bonita Beshears – Continued prayers
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
Barry Stump – Advanced cancer
John Posa – Needing double lung transplant (Wanda Wray's nephew)

Our Website

www.moraviamoravianchurch.org

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Church Activity Schedule

Sep 2 – Sunday School Social Breakfast @ 9:30am
Sep 5 – Choir Practice @ 7:30pm
Sep 8 – Chicken Pie Making @ 6:30am
Sep 8 – Provincial Women’s Board 2018 Fall
Celebration @ 9:00am
Sep 12 – Supper with Friends @ 6:00pm
Sep 12 – Choir Practice @ 7:30pm
Sep 15 – Youth Yard Sale
Sep 15 – Moravian Ministry Voyage @ 12:30pm
Sep 19 – Choir Practice @ 7:30pm
Oct 16 - Aging Well Fall Rally @ 12:30pm
Oct 20 – Moravia’s Fall Bazaar

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**

