



Bethania Moravian Gazette

July 11, 2021

Watchword for the Week of July 11:

*Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land. Psalm 85:9*

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July

Unless otherwise posted, our services will be both - in the Sanctuary and Virtual.

Virtual Links to our services -- Facebook & YouTube -- Go to Bethania Moravian Church

Sunday, July 11	10:30 AM	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, The Celebration of Holy Communion
Tuesday, July 13	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts -- <i>Scout Hut</i>
Thursday, July 15	6:00 PM	Trustees' Meeting
Sunday, July 18	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Guild Classroom
	10:30 AM	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Communion in Celebration of John Hus

[News of the Church....](#)

Scott Rainey Accepts Call to Unity Moravian Church

Scott Rainey has accepted a call to become pastor of Unity Moravian Church. Scott will conclude a 24-year ministry as music director and organist at Bethania on August 1, and will be installed at Unity on September 12. The service of ordination for Scott Rainey will be 3 PM, Sunday, August 1 at Bethania. A reception will follow the service in Bethania's Fellowship Hall. Please pray for Scott and Katie, Sam and Kacie; and, the Bethania and Unity congregations during these weeks of transition and new beginnings.

Financial Statements

The financial statements from January-June 2021 have been mailed. If you do not receive yours in a timely manner or have a question, please contact the church office.

Beginning July 1st, the Moravian Ministries Foundation will begin paying the third-part processing fees for online gifts made through the Moravian Giving Portal. Given that fees still get charged, they are encouraging donors to consider direct debits (of a checking or savings account) vs. credit card transactions whenever possible. MMFA only absorbs a 75-cent fee for direct debits while card transactions are 2.79% of the donation amount.

A Core Team to be Forming @ Bethania!

In the next few weeks the Elders and I will be gathering and training a Core Team to help me with some Intentional Interim work at Bethania. We will be talking about these six currencies in the life of the church - Relationships, Truth, Wellness, Gracious Leadership, Time and Place, and Money, and how they flow and work together to build up the body of Christ. Our guide will be Holy Currencies by Eric H. F. Law. Our meeting times will be bi-weekly over the summer. The time will be determined by the participants' schedules.

Update: Women's Fellowship

Plans are being made for the upcoming Black Walnut Festival, September 18. We will make chicken pies to sell and plan a Bake Sale. Chicken pie making will be on July 20 & 21, and August 17 & 18, starting each day at 8:30 AM. We would appreciate all who are able and willing to help. More information on the Bake Sale to come...

Worship Attendance Totals (In-person and virtual folks who remain with each full livestream)

June 20	72	(55 + 17)
June 27	50	(34 + 16)

Prayer Requests for this Week



Tony Bricca, BA and Vada Byrd; Barbara Cline; Clyde (E.J. Oehman's brother-in-law); **Bob Delp; Barbara Ford; Kaye Gough** (moving back to her apartment); **Danette Handy** (friend of Faye Bricca); **Linda Hester; Peggy Holyfield; Jaimee** (Carol Brown's daughter-in-law); **John Issacs; Frances; Jerome Livengood; Duke and Sarah Marley; Betty Marsh; Dick and Rosemary Mock; Betty Moorefield; Mike Oehman; Rebecca Ogburn; Linda Seeleby; Nellie Shore; Peggy Williams; Jeana Windhorn** (Nellie Shore's step daughter); **the families of those who perished in the Champlain Towers; and unspoken requests.**

Prayer Concerns will remain on our list unless we hear otherwise. Please contact the church office if you need to update information for the list. **If you would like to be added to the Prayer Concerns Email List**, please contact the church office and give Cindy your email address.

Provincial News

Provincial Financial Stewardship

The pandemic prevented our having the usual Provincial stewardship presentation last fall. The PEC has prepared a [PowerPoint resource](#) and a 15 minute [video presentation](#). The focus is on finances and budgets: how we made it through 2020; information about the 2021 budget and finances; and a look toward 2022.

Pastors, church boards and anyone interested may find these on the Resources page of the Provincial website. *David Guthrie, PEC President*

Moravian Ministries Foundation in America - July 2021

Giving Portal transaction fees are on us



The Moravian Ministries Foundation in America will begin paying the processing fees for online gifts made through the [Moravian Giving Portal](#), beginning July 1. The Foundation itself has never charged any kind of fee. But, the backend processor, Blackbaud Merchant Services, charges a financial, processing fee similar to others who perform this service. This fee has been deducted from the gift, so the receiving congregation or agency got the net balance of the gift after the fee.

While Blackbaud Merchant Services continues to charge the fee, MMFA will pay it beginning July 1. The receiving congregations, agencies, and ministries will now receive the full amount of the donor's gift.

"Many congregations and agencies may now find the fee-free online giving service provided and maintained by MMFA more attractive than their own third party provider. This

removes the last roadblock for online gifts through our portal and we are extremely thankful to our donors and investors who make this possible,” said MMFA president and CEO Chris Spaugh.

Given that fees still get charged, we encourage donors to consider direct debits (of a checking or savings account) vs. credit card transactions whenever possible. MMFA only absorbs a 75-cent fee for direct debits while card transactions are 2.79% of the donation amount.

Concurrent with its decision to cover the transaction fees, MMFA will also make some other changes to Giving Portal service to the Moravian Church in America:

- MMFA will provide reports and payments to the recipients on a monthly basis, the Foundation was doing this twice monthly, during the past year.
- MMFA will establish accounts for all the Moravian agencies, including those who have their own pre-existing online giving tools on their websites. During its first two years, the Giving Portal simply re-directed visitors from the Portal to the agency’s page to make the gift there. Maintaining the redirection links has been challenging, so MMFA will now enable all gifts directly through the Portal (as it has been doing for the congregations). Vince Holbrook

Ruth Cole Burcaw Accepts Position with City with Dwellings

It is with joy and sadness we share with the Province that Ruth Burcaw, executive director of the Board of Cooperative Ministries (BCM), has accepted a new position as executive director of City with Dwellings (CwD), a nonprofit working to end the crisis of homelessness in Winston-Salem.

Ruth will assume her new position on July 26. City with Dwellings has had Moravian support since its inception, largely through the ministry of Rev. Russ May at Anthony’s Plot. It began in 2012 as an ecumenical collaborative to provide winter housing for homeless individuals. In 2018, CwD became a 501(c)(3), expanding its outreach year-round. Ruth will serve as its first executive director.

We are grateful to Ruth for her 9 years of leadership at BCM, and how her gifts and strengths contributed to its various ministries for our congregations. We know you join us in wishing her much joy and success in her new mission.

As soon as details are finalized, the PEC will announce an opportunity to celebrate with Ruth her provincial service. BCM staff will report to the PEC while it considers next steps. - Provincial Elders’ Conference

Upcoming Provincial Events

Moravian Music Festival | July 18-24, 2021 | FREE PUBLIC CONCERTS

Tune in during to enjoy music each evening, beginning with a prelude and/or devotions. Please visit moravianmusicfestival.org and click on “For Audience” or “Public Concert Info”

Sunday – July 18 - Festival Opening Worship - *Christian Hearts In Love United*

CONCERTS

Monday, July 19 – *I Have Chosen You*

Tuesday, July 20 - Pipes & Pedals

Wednesday, July 21 - Summer Serenade

Thursday, July 22 - Resounding Brass

Friday – July 23 - Service of Word and Music - *We Are Members of Christ’s Body*

There is still time to register for Festival if you would like to participate fully in all the sessions, social gatherings, games, virtual music projects, and receive the materials and Festival swag!

Only \$50 this year, and you get \$25 off of next summer's live in-person registration for Part II of the Festival in Bethlehem, PA!

Children and Youth are free, and will participate in a musical youth theatre production, ACTS!

A project of the Moravian Music Foundation [moravianmusic.org]

www.moravianmusicfestival.org www.moravianmusic.org

Submitted by Erik Salzwedel

60 + 1 CELEBRATION JULY 24, 2021

LAUREL RIDGE CAMP, CONFERENCE, AND RETREAT CENTER 8AM-11PM

Live music, food trucks, camp activities, and more! For more information, visit laurelridge.org or call the office at (336) 359-2951.

Reception for Ruth Cole Burcaw, July 25, 2021 - Time and Location - TBA

Mission Awareness Festival

Sunday, July 25, 4-6 PM @ Olivet Moravian



The Mission Society of the Moravian Church is hosting a festival to spotlight and share about the many Moravian missionaries and missions we support along with other ministries that support mission.

Children's Festival - *Celebrating God's Perfect Colors*

Beginning on August 1, 2021, children and adults alike will be able to immerse themselves in an interactive online experience of St. Philips' rich history. Using this platform, families can go at their own pace to learn about St. Philips, one of the oldest African American Moravian congregations in the United States, originally located within Salem.

A livestreamed lovefeast will conclude the unique event on Sunday, August 15, 2021, at 4:00- 5:00 PM ET from St. Philips Moravian Church. (Link will be posted on MoravianBCM.org in August.) Gather the lovefeast supplies from your grab bag, or whatever you have at home (juice box, milk, cookies, or bun) and watch the service with children from across the Southern Province and beyond.

For more information visit MoravianBCM.org, or contact [Beth Hayes](mailto:Beth.Hayes@bcm.org), BCM's Director of Congregational Resources & Ministries.