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# KERNERSVILLE MORAVIAN

## CHURCH

### August 2020 Newsletter

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
This month I want to highlight a few paragraphs from our Moravian Covenant for Christian Living, the modern form of the Brotherly Agreement that led to the renewal of our "Moravian" Church that we celebrate on August 13th.

From Article 4, paragraphs 27 & 28:

C. *A Higher Loyalty*

*Though giving our loyalty to the state of which we are citizens, we do recognize a higher loyalty to God and conscience (Acts 5:29).*

D. *Peacemakers*

*For the sake of the peace which we have with God, we earnestly desire to live peaceably with all people and to seek the peace of the places where we dwell.*

From Article 5, the first half of paragraph 31:

C. *Temperance in All Things*

*Remembering the admonition of Scripture to be temperate in all things (1 Corinthians 9:25), we shall endeavor to look upon our bodies as temples of God's Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19). We must also remember to respect the welfare of others who may be affected by our actions (Romans 14:20-21).*

Why do I lift these segments out of one of the Unitas Fratrum or "Moravian" Church's most foundational statements this month? Because many of you have been asking why aren't we moving faster to open the Sanctuary for services. Some churches have chosen to open their sanctuaries for worship, but yet some still haven't - not even for outdoor worship services.

August 13th is a perfect moment to invite all of you into the many, and often long, discernment conversations that I have been having with many of our board members. It's a time to acknowledge the many conversations that some of you have had with me or other board members. We really are listening. We hear your grief over not worshiping in the rooms of your church home, we hear those who don't understand why we can't be in those rooms right now, and we hear those who are very conscious of not being ready to be in small or large group settings. And step by step we are trying to find a middle path that gives opportunities for some ways to worship, some ways to gather, as your very different levels of comfort allow you to engage. We are moving slowly and allowing ourselves time to adapt and learn from each step in this journey.

Just like the groups of religious refugees who found their way to Herrnhut between 1722 - 1727, they came from Moravia and other places where the Unitas Fratrum had gone underground to continue expressing their faith, they came from other Christian traditions or places seeking a community of faith, and they, like us, certainly did not all have the same understandings of who the faith community should be and how they would live that out.

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And together they developed the Brotherly Agreement that has continued to evolve over the centuries to become today's Moravian Covenant for Christian Living.

These paragraphs about our higher loyalty to God, for living as those seeking to create a peaceable world, to work in a spirit of temperance that is both mindful and respectful of the impact our actions have on the health and welfare of others around us live at the heart of the work the Joint Board and I have been trying to do these past 4 months.

Our board members and I are very aware that we are moving through the tensions between what we have a right to do - to hold worship - and what is the wisest way to act - consider what local medical professionals are advising us to do out of respect for the welfare of both our members and our larger community. Outdoor worship is one step in the direction of indoor gatherings down the road. Small groups meeting outdoors in groups of 25 and in the Activity Building in groups of 10 is another one. Everyone is still learning how to do this, even the churches that have chosen to meet indoors. Taking our time to learn along the way while trying to listen to God's leading is a value you can see expressed throughout the whole Moravian Covenant for Christian Living.

We will seek to learn all we can as more people begin to interact in and around the church in coming weeks through groups that are starting to gather in the beautiful spaces around our church grounds that we are blessed beyond measure to have in this time. We'll watch as our Boy and Girl Scouts begin some gatherings, we'll see how the outdoor classroom model we'll use to begin the Preschool Year in September goes. And throughout all of this we'll be continuing to plan and prepare for a time when we do offer indoor worship in our sanctuary again.

In Christ's deep and abiding peace,  
Pastor Christy

#### **August 13th - Anniversary of the Renewal of the Unitas Fratrum**

We will be celebrating this special date in the life of our denomination through Holy Communion celebrated August 9 (online and outdoors) and, though not in the typical way, a Lovefeast celebrated on August 16 (online and outdoor). For this celebration of Lovefeast, we invite you to bring your own favorite food and beverage to your spot for worshiping online or pack it in your own cooler or picnic basket and bring it with you to our outdoor service. We will plan for special music and offer the blessing together as we remember that first lovefeast - one that probably looked a lot more like the gathering we will hold this year as we honor that moment back in 1727.

#### **Joint Board Highlights - July**

The Joint Board convened on July 13th and 14th via Zoom to discuss matters of the congregation.

- Received and accepted a request from Wynona Echols to step down from her seat on the Board of Elders.
- Received an update and approved the proposal for KEB Systems to perform an evaluation consult on our Sanctuary audio system in the interest of improving audio quality.
- Approval was given for small group gatherings using the church grounds, family shelter, and activity building under a set of guidelines. A form to be used by gatherings of congregational groups (Sunday School, Bible Study, Committees) was approved. A protocol that added a liability waiver and a slightly altered form was recommended for use by the Preschool, Scouts, and NA; final form is in development.
- An initial update was given by the Executive Committee (Chair & Vice Chair of both Elders and Trustees) on the development of a proposal for reorganizing our board and committee structure. Executive Committee is working on the action of the 2019 November Church Council meeting which requested that we review our board and committee structure and process toward possible revisions.
- An update on re-opening status and plans for the Preschool was shared.

The next scheduled meeting of the Joint Board is set for August 18 at 7pm via Zoom.

#### **Financial Update**

As of the end of June:

General Contributions = \$185,294

Budgeted Expenditures = \$217,896

Year To Date Operating Funds\* = \$219,588

\*YTD Operating Funds includes both member contributions and all other sources that provide general fund income to the congregation (investments & perpetual income).

## Church Campus Guidelines

- These are the guidelines we ask you to follow on the church campus during this time:
- Office hours are 8:00 am to 12:00 noon, Monday through Friday.
- You can reach staff by phone at (336) 993-3620 between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, please leave a message if your call is not immediately answered.
- Persons may enter the building through the parking lot entrance **from Cherry Street only**, for church business or deliveries.
- Social visits are still discouraged during this time and we recommend making appointments for necessary visits.
- BUSINESS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS:
- Please come to the office only for business that requires personal presence.
- Telephone or Internet are still preferred when possible.
- Visitors should be masked. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided to you.
- You will be asked to sign in during your visit to the building to help us keep track of our comings and goings and which areas of the building have been accessed for our heightened cleaning needs during this time.
- If someone is already there, you may be asked to wait outside.
- Touchless Hand Sanitizer stations will be installed soon, please make sure to use them and remember to wash your hands with soap and water frequently, especially following visits to public spaces like our church.
- We ask that social distancing of at least 6ft. be maintained unless individuals are part of the same household.
- The minimum number of people necessary to accomplish business should be admitted, typically only one.
- Conduct business as expeditiously as possible.
- Please know that there is no way to completely mitigate risk on the church campus, we are asking for folks to follow these expectations as the best ways we have of reducing the risk of exposure. We ask you to sign in for contact tracing in the event that someone contracts Covid-19 and we need to notify those who may have been exposed.

## We are offering an Outdoor Worship Service on Sundays @ 9am (weather permitting) in the grassy area beyond the Family Shelter on our grounds.

This 45 minute long weekly worship service will be offered until further notice and we encourage casual, comfortable dress for these services.

We will continue to offer a full online worship service made available to you at 8:30am every Sunday morning. Those receiving a weekly mailed packet will also continue to have this shared each week.

In the event of rain, the outdoor service will be canceled, but the online service will be ready and available for all to participate in.

How to prepare for our Outdoor Worship:

1. Check the weather or the scrolling banner on our church website, if rain seems imminent, we will cancel.
2. Plan to wear a mask or a face covering. If you don't have one, we are prepared with masks to share with you.  
Exceptions: Children under age 2.  
Individuals medically advised not to wear a mask.
3. Bring a lawn chair, blanket, or towel to sit on. You will be seated in the grassy area beyond the family shelter, so prepare accordingly. We ask that you only use the marked squares to help observe appropriate distance.

What to do when you arrive for our Outdoor Worship: *While you are on the grounds, we ask you to practice social distancing and maintain 6 ft between those who are from different households.*

1. Park and head toward the paved sidewalk that travels beside the Activity Building and between the Family Shelter and playground where you see greeters waiting for you.
2. Please check in with our Greeters, they will be prepared to answer any questions. They will also have masks if you didn't come with one. A basket for any offerings to be placed in will also be available here.
3. An Usher will then assist you in finding an open spot to sit in the marked seating beyond the Family Shelter in the grassy area. One household will be seated per marked square.

## **2020 Children's Festival and Lovefeast | Sunday, August 16, 2020 | ONLINE**

Gather your little ones and those young at heart for a virtual Children's Festival and Lovefeast! We are excited to be offering this event for the 7th year, especially during this uncertain time! Together, we will learn the history of a Moravian tradition that we all hold dear to our hearts: our lovefeast! Along with some of our most favorite Moravian friends, we will participate in a unique litany, sing songs with some special guests, and get our bodies moving with a Story and Stretch! Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.moravian.org/bcm/2020/04/28/2020-childrens-festival-and-lovefeast/>

On Sunday, August 16, you can gather supplies for a lovefeast at home (juice box, milk, cookies, or bun) and watch the video with us at 2:00 PM ET. While the video could be watched at any time, we encourage you to view it at this day and time so we can all gather (virtually) in the Spirit together.



**Moravian Daily Texts-2021** are ready to pre-order. Please contact Jen in the office for information. Last day to order is August 12.

### **Canned Goods Drive**

Our collection time during August will be **on Sundays** as you participate in the Outdoor Worship service or **items can also be dropped off in the church office during the office hours of 8am-12pm**. Everyone is encouraged to bring in the featured item of cooking oil for Crisis Control; or the featured items for Sunnyside Ministry of toothbrushes, bar soap, laundry detergent and toilet tissue. Other shelf stable food items we receive will be divided between Crisis Control and Sunnyside.

### **Small Group Gatherings**

Small groups within the life of our congregation (committees, Sunday school groups, Women's Fellowship Circles, or other study groups) can now choose to hold a gathering, if they feel ready to do so, by reserving space on the church grounds (in the area used for Outdoor Worship) for up to 25 participants, the family shelter for up to 25 participants, or the front room of the Activity Building for up to 10 participants. Requests should be made in advance through the church office. Once reservations are made groups will be expected to follow all the guidelines in place during the Outdoor Worship Service - masks expected, 6ft. of social distancing, sanitizing of any high touch surfaces, and signing in that you attended. A checklist of expectations, clean up tasks, and a sign-in sheet will be provided to the group contact and should be turned in following any gathering that is held.

Please understand that if the guideline expectations for Outdoor Worship or these small group gatherings cannot be followed consistently the ability for groups to gather may be suspended.

### **Upcoming Online Small Group Opportunities for the Southern Province of the Moravian Church**

Our mission here at the Board of Cooperative Ministries (BCM) is to **build, connect, and mobilize** Moravians to live out their faith...B.C.M., get it?!? This summer, we're offering you a virtual place to connect with other Moravians. By spending time with a small group, you can build relationships, connect with others, and mobilize to grow in faith, love, and hope, following Jesus in serving the world. Not even a global pandemic can stop us! The BCM will offer a variety of online small group gatherings and/or study groups to examine various topics of interest to Moravian Christians during August. You can learn about the groups starting and sign up to participate via this website: <https://www.moravian.org/bcm/2020/06/25/summer-connect-groups/>. Be sure to scroll down to find info on groups starting mid-August!

**Wednesday Ladies' Bible Study** will begin an expository study of the book of REVELATION, beginning September 9, at 9:30, in the Activity Building. Guidelines restrict us to 10 (ten) participants. Please contact Jo Levens, facilitator, at email: [jlevens37@triad.rr.com](mailto:jlevens37@triad.rr.com) - phone: 336-996-2989 - or text: (336) 312-3793

**Board of World Missions**

Greetings to the members and congregations of the Southern Province, This message is to inform congregations of a joint decision by the Board of World Mission and Southern Province Mission Society to close the physical mission office in Old Salem, effective December 31, 2020.

The decision reflects the current reality that following September 1st, no staff are currently in place to be present in the office. The COVID-19 situation has delayed any plans for hiring a new Director of Mission Outreach by the Board of World Mission, as this person would not be able to travel to visit our global partners, which certainly would be a large part of their role.

Additionally, COVID-19 may require our offices to not allow visitors for the foreseeable future, which would limit our ability to connect with individuals as has been the case from this physical office space.

It is important to state that the BWM and SP Mission Society value our partnership in mission ministry. The closure of the office does not indicate any desire to weaken our partnership. We have remained in close contact throughout this process to ensure a shared process. Even without the shared physical office, BWM and the SP Mission Society will continue our strong partnership. It is helpful to have three board members who sit on both the Mission Society Board and BWM. This allows for regular communication between our organizations as we do our work.

The BWM and SP Mission Society remain fully committed to its work in the Southern Province, and all of the partnerships developed with ministries facilitated from the Southern Province as well.

From a physical office standpoint, the BWM hopes to model the work of other interprovincial agencies that also only have one physical office while serving the NP and the SP, like the IBOC (Bethlehem) and MMFA (Winston-Salem).

From a staffing standpoint, the BWM will be hiring to fill out our staff. The timing of this hire is being discerned, but will occur. Similarly, the SP Mission Society is exploring the best options for fulfilling its staffing and administrative office needs.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our shared mission work, and we welcome opportunities to continue to work closely with you all, and look forward to any conversations or invitations to move ahead on mission initiatives.

Blessings,

Justin Rabbach	Rev. Bob Peterson
Executive Director	President
Board of World Mission	Southern Province Mission Society

**New from the Moravian Music Foundation**

**Nothing, If Not Consistent  
Moravian Ideals; Moravian Music**

A New [video](#) series in 6 chapters

1. Devotion to the Savior
  2. Simplicity & Stillness
  3. Community & Fellowship
  4. Chosen, But Not Exclusive
  5. Faith Manifested in Works
  6. Life Eternal in the Presence of the Savior
- Rev. Nola R. Knouse and Rev. C. Daniel Crews, speakers

**Johannes Herbst  
The Man, His Music, and His Manuscripts**

2-Part [video](#) chronicling the life of Rt. Rev. Johannes Herbst, Moravian composer, and his service to the Lord and to the Moravian Church. In terms of music, we follow the interconnecting themes of the musical dimension of his life:

1. Pedagogy (in part 1)
  2. Music Collecting (and Copying) (in part 2)
  3. Choral and vocal music composition (in part 2)
- Dave Blum, Research Librarian, Writer and Narrator, with Barbara Strauss, C. Daniel Crews, and Jeffrey Gemmell.

***Everyone is invited to join the  
Moravian Trivia Challenge!***

**Moravian Trivia Challenge  
Join the Game On Zoom! [more info](#)**

Thursday evening at 7:30pm EDT (6:30pm Central) August 20, 2020

A project of MMF, Moravian Archives, and Board of Cooperative Ministries. Open to all. Give up your Jeopardy re-runs for one evening and join Moravians from all over the country. Fun trivia about music, history, names and places, and the bible. Test your skills. Share your Moravian pride. Show your inner "Zinzendork!"

All participants are asked to register ahead and will be divided into groups upon joining the Zoom meeting.

**Please register ahead of time at by visiting**  
<https://moravianmusic.org/moravian-trivia-challenge/>

There will be prizes. [www.moravianmusic.org](http://www.moravianmusic.org)

### Prayer Concerns from Church Members

Mike Gauldin	Jean Pierce	Syretta Simmons
Linda Kirkman	Harold Atkins	Sandra Heist
Hilda Richardson	Sherry Evans	
Betty Hollifield	Linda Holder	
Dick and Jo Larrimore	Bill Milstead	

### Prayer Concerns from Friends & Family

**We are updating our prayer concern list for family and friends. If you have requested one of the names on the friends and family list, please call us at the church office to give us an updated status.**

Kristin Halbert	Herman James	Will & Lauren Lewis
Laura Smith	Tabatha Kavalew	Ronnie Yow
Lilly Tyson	Lessy McCauley	Bethany Smith
Mac McInville	Claire Coffey	Mark Hoppe
Crystal Laverde	Jeannine Buffey	Joshua Brent
Brad Sherrill	Mike Stone	Robert Leese
Priscilla Baumgardner	John D. Gignac	
Mike Long	Bobbie Hendrick	
Tonia Crews	Donna Lynn Schinneck	
Evan Cooke	Sailor Moses	



### From The Board of Cooperative Ministries

The Aging Well Team, a ministry of the Board of Cooperative Ministries, works to address and serve the needs of older adults and their loved ones in the Moravian Church Southern Province. Due to concerns over the COVID-19 pandemic, the Aging Well Team decided to cancel the annual events we normally present – the Spring Conference (April), the Fall Rally (October) and the Tour de Putz (December). We were disappointed, but also knew that we needed to stay in touch with you. As a result, we will be issuing a monthly communication that will come to you through your church newsletter.

You can also view it on our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/agingwellteam>

We welcome your ideas for articles that might be of help or interest to you, or even better, your submission of an article for publication. Our email address is: [agingwell@moravianbcm.org](mailto:agingwell@moravianbcm.org).

Additionally, if you would like to receive information about all things Moravian, subscribe to the Board of Cooperative Ministries weekly online newsletter, **The BCM Essentials**. Click on this link to subscribe: <https://www.moravian.org/bcm/2018/09/18/subscribe-to-our-e-newsletter/>

Age Friendly Forsyth on Facebook is a great resource for what is going on for older adults around Forsyth County. You can check them out at: <https://www.facebook.com/agefriendlyforsyth>  
In this introductory piece, we are addressing the **Loneliness of Isolation**. The [Covid-19](#) outbreak has left many people more alone than they've been in a long time, if ever. The people who are most at risk from the isolation associated with Covid-19 are the people who are at heightened risk of social isolation in the first place, especially older adults who do not have strong family connections. According to Thomas Cudjoe, a geriatrician researching the intersection of social connections and aging at Johns Hopkins University, we are not in this alone, and we shouldn't leave others that way, either. "Think about those people who were in your network that you haven't heard from in a while, and give them a call or write a letter," Cudjoe says. "Strengthen those weak connections."

Do you know someone who might benefit from a weekly check-in phone call, or someone who might enjoy receiving a little note written in your own hand? Try it; it might make you feel better, too!



MEADOWS, Teresa 08/01

TEAGUE, Tracey 08/01

FUEHLER, Suzanne 08/02

YOUNT, Patricia 08/02

ROWLAND, Jeannie 08/03

WHITE, Jeffrey 08/03

FUEHLER, Kevin 08/06

BREDAL, Roy 08/07

ONEMELUKWE, Josephine 08/08

COTTINGHAM, Tonya 08/09

PETTIFORD, Brice 08/09

SIMON, Nathan 08/09

KIRK, Caleb 08/11

IDOL, Pam 08/14

NIEUWENHUIS, Tylie 08/16

BODSFORD, Stan 08/17

KINCAID, Megan 08/18

IDOL, Brett 08/19

JENNINGS, Sandra 08/19

LENNEN, Jessica 08/20

WORMLEY, Cletra 08/20

STEPHENS, Cynthia 08/21

VANCE, Tyler 08/21

GIGNAC, Lori 08/22

JOHNSTON, Mike 08/23

SMITH, Mike 08/23

EDMISTEN, Molly 08/24

FLANAGAN, Liam 08/24

MCALLISTER, Sara 08/25

SAUNDERS, Josh 08/25

BARE, Kira 08/26

CRUMPACKER, Alan 08/26

GIGNAC, Zachary 08/26

GRAY, Maggie 08/28

HUNT, Bob 08/28

PRICE, Mattie 08/28

ECHOLS, Tommye 08/29

VESTICH, Mark 08/30

#### **Troop 944 updates:**

- 18 scouts and 3 leaders went to summer camp at Camp Raven Knob in July.
- Several scouts returned for a second week of camp later in July.
- Scouts have been meeting virtually to keep the troop active and the boys advancing.
- Logan Allen is soon to have his Eagle Project Workdays at Kernersville Crisis Control Ministries.
- We are still looking to reschedule Eagle Scout Court of Honors for Riley Tucker and Tully McKinley who have both completed their Eagle Scout Boards of Review.

As always, thank you to KMC for your continued support and encouragement. We are looking forward to when we can resume volunteer activities, as well as in-person meeting again.

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