

Celebrating... MMF Says "So Long!" to Al Frank

The Rev. Dr. Albert H. Frank was honored at a dinner sponsored by the MMF Board of Trustees on April 28, 2007, following their spring meeting in Bethlehem. The occasion was to note the conclusion of Br. Frank's ten and half years as Assistant Director of the MMF and retirement after thirty-six years in the Moravian ministry.

Gerald M. Smith, President of the Trustees, brought greetings on behalf of the Foundation and the Master of Ceremonies was the Rev. Dr. C. Daniel Crews, Southern Province Archivist and Br. Frank's Seminary roommate.

The evening's program, "Around the World with Albert," featured humorous recollections of Br. Frank's Seminary days and his service in the West Indies from Br. Crews. Dr. Paul M. Peucker, Northern Province Archivist, contributed stories about Br. Frank's visits to Herrnhut and G. Randall Gibbs, music director of the First Moravian Church of Dover, Ohio recounted experiences from Br. Frank's days as pastor of that congregation.

A "special visitor", Kanook the Magnificent (played

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*Director Nola Knouse pins a flower to
Assistant Director Al Frank's lapel at his retirement dinner.*

Sharing... Christmas CD Is Coming!

Christmas came early for us this year. Back in February we received a call from someone interested in sponsoring a track on our upcoming Christmas CD. Her name was Carol King (not the famous singer, but still famous to us!). She and her siblings wanted to make a gift in honor of their parents, Wilson and Shirley Edwards, and sister, Linda Upshaw.

Mrs. King told the MMF that her parents had given money to Salemtowne while they were still living, but she wanted another Moravian agency to benefit from their goodwill as well. She had seen that the MMF wanted sponsors for tracks on its upcoming Christmas CD and suggested being a sponsor to her siblings. After discussing it with her brother, Wilson Edwards, Jr. and sister, Patsy Saunders, they decided they wanted to sponsor *the entire album!*

In gathering information about how much money the MMF would need to produce the album, Mrs. King asked if "Morning Star, O Cheering Sight" would be included. She said one of her fond memories was...

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of her children, now adults, singing "Morning Star" with their children's choir at Christmas time. She remembers that her daughter was so small she had to stand on Coca-cola crates to project her voice high enough for the congregation to hear.

"Morning Star" is slated to be one of the tracks on the Christmas CDs, along with Antes' "Loveliest Immanuel", Michael's "Hail Infant Newborn", Schultz's "Thou Child Divine", Gregor's "The Prince of Peace Is Come", and more!

We're still in the planning stages, but are hoping to line up a choir, orchestra, and recording hall before the end of summer so the CD will be available in time for Christmas this year.

Keep an eye out in the next newsletter (late summer/early fall) for more information, including when you'll be able to order copies to fill all the stockings on your list!

We want to say a gigantic

THANK YOU!!

to Mrs. Carol King and her siblings for sponsoring the long-awaited Moravian Christmas CD in memory of their parents and sister. We are truly honored to have them as friends of the Moravian Music Foundation.

Salzwedel Award Winner: Rachel Belter

On October 29, 2006, Rachel Belter of Bethel Moravian Church in Leonard, ND was presented with the James V. Salzwedel Award for Excellence in Church Music. The award was given during Bethel's annual "Rally Sunday", on which they emphasize the life and ministries of their congregation.

Rachel served the Bethel congregation as organist and choir director for thirty-five years. According to Rev. Brian R. Dixon, many people have said that Christmas had never seemed complete for them until Rachel had sung "O Holy Night", which was sung by her nephew Craig Olson with her daughter-in-law Lynda Belter at the piano on the Sunday of the award presentation.



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by Paul Knouse) offered "Wisdom from the East" while being interviewed by MMF Director, Dr. Nola Reed Knouse.

The Rev. David L. Wickmann, President of the Northern Province Provincial Elders' Conference, expressed the Church's thanks for Br. Frank's years of ministerial service and presented the traditional retirement plaque. Br. Smith presented a gift on behalf of the Foundation.

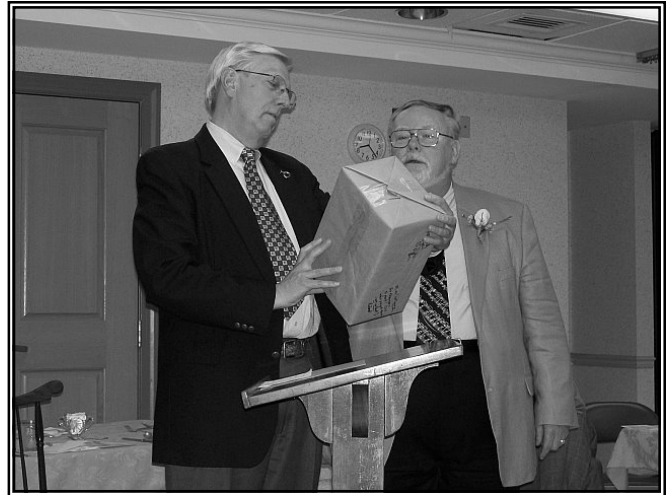
As a special tribute, the Trustees and friends sang Dr. Knouse's newly edited version of J.C. Bechler's anthem "The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ." Bechler is Br. Frank's 'favorite' Moravian composer.

Br. Frank, with family members and many friends in attendance, endured the evening with gracious good humor. He concluded the program with his own words of appreciation and reflections upon his ministry.

Submitted by Rev. Dr. David Schattschneider



Bethlehem Moravian Archivist Paul Peucker told stories from Albert's days in Herrnhut.



MMF President Jerry Smith presents Albert with a plaque in honor of his service to the Music Foundation.



Kanook the Magnificent (Paul Knouse) offered Wisdom from the East.

The cake read "Vielen Dank und gute Reise
Zieht im Freiden eure Pfade!"

Translation: *Many thanks and go on your way
in peace!*

Thanks to Sally Zimmer for the pictures!



Sharing....

Home, Home on the Web MMF on the World Wide Web

For many years now, the MMF has had a presence on the WWW (world wide web) with an informative website (www.MoravianMusic.org). Over the past three years, MMF's tech-savvy executive assistant, Beth Hyland, has utilized new (and often times FREE) internet tools to expand how the Foundation markets itself to the rest of the world.

In 2006, with the help of Green Tree Digital, the website was revamped to include a photo gallery, resources for download, and a newly designed catalog complete with product pictures.

The new site includes photos of music and books from the collections, Moravian music performances, scholars researching, instruments, and products from the catalog.

Customers can order CDs, books, and music through our online catalog, and friends can make credit card donations to the MMF through the website as well.



Using Nola's lecture entitled "Moravian Music: 101", Beth was able to create a "Moravian music" entry on Wikipedia. The article has links to many other articles including those on the Thirty Years' War; Classical Music; the Moravian denomination; and New World Records. The "Moravian music" article is also linked to from the Classical Music categories page.

Wikipedia (www.wikipedia.org), according to its own definition, is a "multilingual, web-based, free content encyclopedia. It is written collaboratively by volunteers, and the vast majority of its articles can be edited by anyone with access to the Internet."

While Wikipedia is not the epitome of scholarly research and writing, it is a great starter for getting basic information about a subject.

To augment the quarterly printed newsletter and the monthly e-newsletter, Beth created a weekly blog (moravianmusic.blogspot.com) to post articles of Moravian music interest. The blog is a great outlet for posting links to other websites of interest. Articles on the blog have discussed copyright information, the Moravian Easter tradition in Winston-Salem from the bands' point of view, how to prepare and serve a Lovefeast, and highlighted recent Moravian music events (such as the Ohio Choirs Banquet and the Single Sisters House Rededication).

We hope you'll visit us on the WWW. Please help us spread the word about Moravian music by inviting your friends to visit our website!



Singstunde

Celebrating the Essentials of Our Faith

The ode for this Singstunde is designed as a celebration of the essentials of Moravian belief. As expressed by Luke of Prague, the essentials are twofold: divine and human. Each of these has three aspects.

On the part of God, they are:

- the grace of God (the Father),
 who wills our salvation;
- the saving work of God the Son in Christ; and
- the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

On the part of humanity, the essentials are:

- faith,
- love, and
- hope.

These essentials are not a list of specific doctrines to which the Christian is expected to swear allegiance. Rather, they are objective attitudes and actions on the part of God to which humans by grace respond in a living relationship.

Order of Service

Hymn 519, verses 1, 2

Prayer

Scripture: Romans 5:1-5, 6:1-5

Hymn 463, verses 2, 3

Hymn 776, verses 1, 4, 5

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Hymn 498, vs. 1, 2

Scripture: Ephesians 1:15-23

Hymn 615, vs. 1

Hymn 713, vs. 3, 4

Hymn 496, vs. 1, 2, 5

Hymn 643, vs. 1, 2

Hymn 372, vs. 1, 4

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Hymn 519, vs. 3, 5, 6

Benediction

C. Daniel Crews and Nola R. Knouse

Letters Home:

Excerpts from a Soldier's Letters Home to Salem



**Hospital camp 2 mi. from Spotsylvania Court House
May 17, 1864**

Dear Sister,

On last Thursday one of the bloodiest fights of the war took place...The firing was incessant for about 9 hours and continued until night. The whole country around here is one vast hospital. We have our hands full attending the wounded...

May 19 [1864] - Thursday morning after breakfast

The woods caught fire from the camp fires and burnt out all the leaves and pretty flowers...Whenever I see pretty flowers, I have to pluck them and press them for you. The other morning I was marching along, all by myself. The rest were all ahead of me. I stopped to gather flowers. The fight had commenced. The canon roaring and musketry firing was terrible. So you see, I don't forget you even in a great battle. I will send those I plucked that morning in this letter. The leaves are quite dusty yet from the dust on the plank road created by the many, many wagons passing backwards and forwards from the scene of action...The cannonading that's been done is past description. If you could have been with me yesterday you would have heard enough of it, one incessant roar of artillery. It fairly shook the very earth...I wish I could hear the mocking bird and see how nice everything looks at home.

Our lines are right at town...On last Sunday morning we were sent for to play for them at the lines...The skirmish lines are not more than 150 or 200 yards apart, & at some places not more than 75 yards. While looking at them firing at each other, I thought to myself, this is nice employment for Sunday, American citizens firing at each other, trying to kill each other. Isn't it outrageous? Five years ago who would have thought of such a thing?...

See the next newsletter for another installment of Letters Home.



Moravian Music Calendar

Updated June 2007



Please let us know about your Moravian music-related event – concert, workshop, reading session, seminar, special celebration, commission, dedication, etc. – and we'll include it on the calendar in this *Newsletter* and on our web site! Be sure to check the web site – www.moravianmusic.org -- frequently for updates.

June 2007

Tuesday, June 19, 8pm: **Salem Band Concert.** Salem Square, Winston-Salem, NC.

July 2007

Sunday, July 1, 7:30pm: **Psalm of Joy with Lovefeast.** Peace Moravian Church, Charlotte, NC. Part of the Charlotte American Guild of Organists' Summer Recital Series. Free!

Tuesday, July 3, 17, and 31, 8pm: **Salem Band Concert.** Salem Square, Winston-Salem, NC.

Wednesday, July 4, 12 noon. **Patriotic music performed by Jonathan Hall on the Tannenberg organ.** Old Salem Visitors Center, Winston-Salem, NC. \$5 admission.

Wednesday, July 11 and 18, 12 noon: **Old Salem's Tannenberg Recital Series** featuring Michael Grant (7/11) and Frances Norbert (7/18). Old Salem Visitors Center, Winston-Salem, NC. Free admission.

August 2007

Sunday, August 12, 3pm: **Moravian Musicale with Lovefeast.** Gnadenhutzen Moravian Church, Gnadenhutzen, Ohio. Featuring string quartet, vocal choirs, bell choir, brass choir, guest soloist Sgt. 1st Class Alex Helsabeck, and guest speaker Rev. David Bennett, Moravian College Chaplain. This is in conjunction with the Ohio Moravian Ministries Commission's celebration of the 550th Anniversary of the Moravian Church.

Tuesday, August 14, 8pm: **Salem Band Concert.** Salem Square, Winston-Salem, NC.

September 2007

Sunday, September 9, 8pm: **Combined Community Band Concert** featuring Salem Band, Winston-Salem Community Band, and Bethabara Concert Band. Arbor Acres, Winston-Salem, NC.

September 13-16: **Unity Brass Festival** featuring participants from South Africa, Europe, and North America. Cape Town, South Africa

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MMF News and Notes

♪ ***Congratulations to Executive Assistant Beth Wall***, who is now Mrs. James C. Hyland. Beth and Jamie (right) were married in Winston-Salem, NC on May 4, 2007. Jamie has helped out with mailings and also reconditioned two of the MMF's old computers for resale. Beth was also inducted into the Iota Psi chapter of Pi Kappa Lambda (Music Honor Society) at Salem College on April 28, 2007.

♪ ***The Moravian Music Foundation seeks interested applicants for the position of Assistant Director***, to begin September 1, 2007. The Assistant Director manages the Bethlehem office, with the following among the responsibilities:

- ❖ Assisting visiting researchers
- ❖ Answering inquiries from scholars, performers, clergy, and church musicians
- ❖ Serving as a liaison to the Northern Province Archives
- ❖ Making public presentations on MMF's behalf
- ❖ Representing MMF at church and civic events
- ❖ Working with the Director, other staff members, and the Board of Trustees on public relations and development

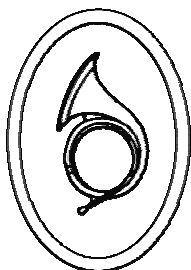


Personal, education and professional qualifications:

- ❖ A motivated and dynamic people-orientated individual with an appreciation and commitment to the purpose and mission of the MMF.
- ❖ Education: Bachelor's degree (minimum); Master's degree preferred, in musicology, history, or theology. Musicological knowledge sufficient to assist researchers; knowledge of German pre-classic musical style and Protestant church history; knowledge of German language; familiarity with Moravian religious heritage.
- ❖ Record of scholarly research and publication; participation in professional musical organizations; experience working with scholars, students, and performers.

Some travel is involved. Interested persons are invited to contact Nola Reed Knouse in the Winston-Salem office by mail (457 South Church Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101); e-mail (nknouse@mcsf.org); or telephone (336-725-0651) by July 15, 2007. You are invited to send a letter of application, resume, and the names and contact information for three references we may contact.

♪ ***Which Moravian composer*** said of music that he "devoted every moment of time left by other duties to the acquisition of various branches of this charming art"? Clue: He composed the tune for "Sing Hallelujah, Praise the Lord" and is Albert Frank's favorite composer. (See page 3, the continuation of *Albert Frank Retires*, for the answer)



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Trustees doing dishes!

After Albert Frank's retirement dinner, the MMF trustees braved the perils of "dish-pan hands" to wash dishes and clean the kitchen and dining space at Central Church's CE Building.

For more about Al's retirement, see page 1.