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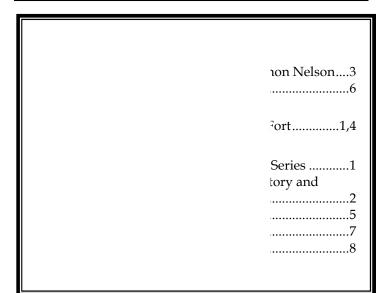
MMF presents awards to deserving musicians

Two dedicated servants of Moravian music and the church were honored with Moravian Music Foundation awards in the fall of 2009. Both recipients were surprised by the awards – their friends and family members kept the secret, and neither had any idea that their contributions merited recognition.

Margaret L. Styers received the Moravian Music Foundation Award of Merit on November 15, 2009. Margaret's has served as Chair of Dormitory Arrangements at six Moravian Music Festivals. She has worked faithfully on the Great Sabbath Committee of the Salem Congregation, ensuring the success of that special service of music. She has been a church organist for more than 50 years.

Hubert Fort received the James V. Salzwedel Award for Excellence in Church Music on December 13. As band director of the Raleigh Moravian congregation, he has influenced the lives of countless musicians over more than a quarter of a century. The Raleigh musical groups are very active – and very fine! – and serve as very effective musical ambassadors.

The citations for both awards are found on page 5.





Christ, and Him Crucified, by Nola Reed Knouse

Moravian Star Anthem Series grows

We are delighted to announce two brand-new additions to the Moravian Star Anthem Series:

Lord Christ Jesus, Our Salvation, by Brian Henkelmann, for two-part mixed chorus accompanied by keyboard or 3-octave handbells. With texts suitable for Lent or Holy Communion, this setting of the tune associated with the John Hus Communion hymn is a wonderful addition to your choir's collection. This publication was sponsored in honor of the choirs of Home Moravian Church.

How Amiable Are Thy Tabernacles, by Francis Florentine Hagen, is a refreshing setting of Psalm 84:1-3 for SATB choir and organ, with parts for flute and strings also available. While the soprano part does reach to the high A, a lower note in the chord can be substituted, with the high notes played by the organ or other instrument. (Don't let the high notes scare you away from this piece!) The edition of this anthem was supported by the Fred W. and Elizabeth Hagen Pfaff Fund of the Moravian Music Foundation, and the publication was sponsored by the Unitas Chorale.

Coming soon is a new edition of J. F. Peter's masterwork, *Sing, O Ye Heavens!* Many more anthems are edited and awaiting sponsorship; for information about sponsoring a publication in our growing series, contact either MMF office!

CALL FOR PAPERS

Bethlehem Conference on Moravian History and Music October 14-17, 2010

This conference, sponsored by Moravian College, the Moravian Archives in Bethlehem, and the Moravian Music Foundation, explores Moravian history and music from the fifteenth to twentieth centuries in Europe, the Americas, Asia, Africa, and Australia within its context. We are now accepting proposals for panels, individual papers, lecture/demonstrations and performances relating to current research in Moravian history and music, but special consideration will be given to the following topics:

- 1. The history of the Unitas Fratrum during the 15th 17th centuries: hymnody, music and worship practice; question of continuity and discontinuity with the Moravian Church of the 18th century
- 2. 250th anniversary of the death of Count Nikolaus von Zinzendorf (1700-60): his role in Moravian history, theology, and music; the reorientation of the Moravian Church after his death; Zinzendorf in historiography
- 3. Musical anniversaries such as John Gambold (1760-95): composer of vocal works and keyboard sonatas; Johann Daniel Grimm (1719-60): musician and teacher, instrumental in compiling the 1755 chorale book;

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- Christian Gottfried Geisler (1730-1810): composer and organist at the Moravian church in Zeist for more than 50 years; John Christian Malthaner (1810-73): piano builder, based in Bethlehem
- 4. Moravians in the Transatlantic World: missions, trade, communication
- 5. Instruments and instrumental music: the role of the collegium musicum; use of instruments in worship of the Moravian Church
- 6. Iconography: the role of art in the Moravian communities; artists; iconography of Moravian worship and music; images included in early hymnals
- 7. Moravians and the body: gender, sexuality, identity, behavioral roles, encounter with the "other"

Please send a proposal of no more than 300 words to: hlempa@moravian.edu or hbinford@moravian.edu by April 1, 2010.

The program committee will notify accepted applicants by May 1, 2010. In certain cases we will attempt to provide grants for housing and travel costs. For more information and updates, see www.moravianconferences.org

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Vernon M. Nelson (1933 - 2010)

Brother Vernon Nelson, retired Archivist of the Moravian Church, Northern Province, has been called into the more immediate presence of the Savior. On Tuesday evening 26 January Vernon was walking from his home to the Moravian

Archives building in Bethlehem to attend a lecture. At the corner of Elizabeth Avenue and New Street he was struck by a car and severely injured, and died at the hospital later that night.



Ordained a Moravian minister in 1958, Vernon served at Lake Mills Moravian Church in Wisconsin, and began work at the Moravian Archives in 1960 as assistant to archivist Bishop Kenneth G. Hamilton. He served as Archivist from 1963 until his retirement in 2004; even after his retirement, he came to the archives almost daily, continuing his life-long research on eighteenth-century Bethlehem Moravian painter John Valentine Haidt.

Vernon loved languages, European travel, the opera and theater. Very few events in the Moravian Church or in the world at large escaped his notice and often insightful commentary.

Vernon worked with every single director of the Moravian Music Foundation, from Donald McCorkle through Nola Knouse, and had a wide-ranging knowledge of the music collections, knowledge which was especially helpful during the years when MMF had no staff in Bethlehem. At a celebration of his 70th birthday in 2003, Vernon was presented with copies of *The Distinctiveness of Moravian Culture: Essays and Documents in Moravian History in honor of Vernon H. Nelson on his Seventieth Birthday*. This surprise publication, edited by Craig Atwood and Peter Vogt and published by the Moravian Historical Society, contains fifteen essays by various Moravian scholars in America and Europe.

A memorial service is scheduled for February 27, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. at Central Moravian Church. As Vernon had wished, after the service Moravian sugar cake and coffee will be served. Our thoughts and prayers are with his daughters, Rebecca and Barbara. Donations in his memory may be sent to the Moravian Archives (41 West Locust Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018) or the American Diabetes Association.

Virginia Martin Howard (1916-2009)

Toward the end of the year we heard of the passing last April of MMF Honorary Trustee Virginia M. Howard. Virginia served on the Board of Trustees in the late 1970's, and remained a faithful correspondent up to the last year of her long and full life. Our files here contain many long letters from her, always handwritten; and when I was working through our files about ten years ago, I was delighted to read in some of her letters from the 1970's the same apologies for

her handwriting with which she had begun all of her letters to me in the 1990's! She often expressed regret that she could no longer travel to Winston-Salem to make her "Moravian pilgrimage."

I visited with Virginia in her Pineville, Louisiana, home in 2006. Her home was filled with wood – ornate carved mantels and moldings, tongue-in-groove panelings and ceilings – from her family's business. And her home was filled with music, and with Moravian stars and candles. She sat at her piano and played Moravian hymn after hymn from memory – her eyesight was failing, but her musicality remained intact, as she moved from hymn to hymn, key to key, effortlessly, and talking all the while.

Virginia's musical education came at Stephens College in Missouri, Oberlin Conservatory, the Julliard School, and Louisiana College. She served as accompanist, organist, and choir director at churches in Louisiana, Illinois, and North Carolina. She was on the music faculty of Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, NC and later on the piano faculty at Louisiana College in



Pineville. In addition to her MMF Board service, she served on the board of the Sterns Collection of musical instruments at the University of Michigan. She endowed the Virginia Martin Howard Lecture Series at the University of Michigan, established the Mark Eugene Howard Arts and Technology Seminar Fund at Michigan Tech University, and the Mark Eugene Howard Endowed Professorship in Liberal Arts at Louisiana State University at Alexandria. She sponsored concerts for budding musicians through the Piatigorsky Foundation and the Virginia Martin Howard Foundation. She was an avid "cheerleader" for Moravian music, presenting many programs and lectures, and introducing many musicians and scholars to this musical heritage. In addition, she was a generous donor to the Moravian Music Foundation, supporting the publication of the reprint of the Christian Gregor 1784 *Choralbuch* (1984), the Endowment Campaign, and every annual campaign. Her last major gift to the Foundation established a fund which will be used for conservation treatment on some of the most fragile items in the music collections housed in the Bethlehem Archives.



Margaret Styers, with MMF Board members

Margaret Lucille Styers

God's gift of music to the Moravian Church thrives because of the faithfulness not only of those who compose words and music, but especially that of those who play and sing, those who keep records and administer, who serve wherever they are called. For more than fifty years your life has exemplified this service.

You have served the Southern Province of the Moravian Church as Chair of Dormitory Arrangements for the Moravian Music Festivals of 1972, 1978, 1984, 1990, 1996, and 2003, with dedication, careful attention to detail, and a spirit of motherly love and hospitality.

You have served for fifty years on the Great Sabbath Committee of the Salem Congregation, to ensure that the Great Sabbath Service of Music is a worshipful event. While chairs and committee members have come and gone, you have remained the continuing and faithful servant of this work.

You served as organist at Fairview Moravian Church for 54 years, and you have been a willing and helpful volunteer for the Moravian Music Foundation.

Because of your significant contributions to the musical life of the Southern Province, through the Great Sabbath Service of Music and the Moravian Music Festivals; through your service as organist at Fairview Moravian Church, and your continuing service to the Lord through music wherever you are needed, the Moravian Music Foundation Board of Trustees and staff take delight in presenting you with the

MORAVIAN MUSIC FOUNDATION AWARD OF MERIT

Winston-Salem, North Carolina, November 15, 2009



Hubert Fort

You have been the volunteer band director at Raleigh Moravian Church for at least a quarter-century. While you inherited a solid band from the previous director, you were not content to leave the group as you found them. You started beginning band classes for youth and adults. You have encouraged skilled instrumentalists to start smaller ensembles, some with different directors, always with your encouragement and guidance. Because of your work, Raleigh Moravian enjoys music played by these and

Hubert Fort, Nola Knouse, Chancy Kapp other groups: the Raleigh Moravian Band, Moravian Brass, the Flute Choir, the Trombone Choir, and the Low Brass Ensemble.

In the past ten years, you have encouraged and assisted at least four Governor's School brass players -- two French horn and two trumpet. Countless all-district and all-state band musicians have "grown up" through your band. The excellence of your ensembles and your welcoming attitude consistently attract fine players from NC State and other area colleges.

You played the major role in organizing a splendid program on Moravian brass music for the NC Museum of History. You regularly take band members to play on the Oakwood Historic Homes Tour at Christmas and on caroling trips to retirement homes and shut-ins. And you have yourself learned to sing at Raleigh Moravian, where you are now a frequent vocal soloist and participant in the Men's Choir and the very fine Evening Stars a cappella group.

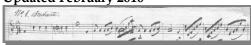
For your dedicated service; your sharing of the joy of music in and beyond worship; and your contribution to the preservation, celebration, and cultivation of the musical life of the Moravians; the Board of Trustees of the Moravian Music Foundation takes great delight in presenting to you the

JAMES V. SALZWEDEL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CHURCH MUSIC

Raleigh, North Carolina, December 13, 2009

Moravian Music Calendar

Updated February 2010



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! Send us your e-mail address for monthly updates, and check the web site - www.moravianmusic.org - frequently!

February 23 March 11	Lenten German-English <i>Singstunde</i> , sponsored by Central Moravian Church, Moravian Archives, and Moravian Music Foundation. Old Chapel, Central Moravian Church, 7:30 p.m. Lunch Lecture Series, Archie K. Davis Center, Winston-Salem, NC. "Moravian Ideals 5: Faith Manifested in Works." C. Daniel Crews and Nola Reed Knouse, lecturers. 12:15 p.m.; admission free.		June 16, 17, 18: 2:00 p.m. each day, at the James A. Gray Auditorium, Old Salem Visitors Center, concert featuring the String Quintets. Lecture as part of the program: June 16, C. Daniel Crews, "Peter's Community: Life in Salem in the 1780's;" June 17, Nola Reed Knouse, "Peter's Music;" June 18, Philip Dunigan, "Peter's Quintets". June 20, 3:00 p.m., concert of Peter's sacred vocal works, Calvary Moravian Church. For the full festival schedule	
March 21	3:30 p.m. Mathias Concert of Moravian Music, Salem College School of Music.		and ticket information, please visit www.magnoliabaroque.com , or contact the Stevens Center, 405 W. Fourth St., Winston-	
April 7, 14, 21, and 28	Tannenberg Organ Wednesday Noon Recital Series, Old Salem Visitors Center, Winston- Salem, NC. 12:00 noon. Free	July 7, 14, 21, and 28	Salem, NC 27101; phone 336-721-1945 Tannenberg Organ Wednesday Noon Recital Series, Old Salem Visitors Center, Winston-	
April 8	Lunch Lecture Series, Archie K. Davis Center, Winston-Salem, NC. "Alexander Meinung,	July 9-19/22	Salem, NC. 12:00 noon. Free Moravian Concert Tour	
	Salem Musician." Philip Dunigan, lecturer. 12:15 p.m.; admission free.	August 5-8	Vintage Band Music Festival, Northfield, MN.	
April 16-17	Moravian Music Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting		50 concerts by 15 bands in 4 days! For info, visit <u>www.vintagebandfestival.org</u> ; or Vintage Band Music Festival 2010, PMB 130, 204 W. 7 th	
April 25	Community Organ Recital Series, Kernersville Moravian Church, Kernersville, NC. Dr. John S. Mueller and Margaret Mueller. 4:00 p.m.; admission free.	October 8-9	St., Northfield, MN 55057. Worship and Music Workshop, Sponsored by the Southern Province Commission on Music and Worship, at Friedland Moravian Church.	
April 25	Unitas Chorale concert, Christ UCC church, Bethlehem, PA. 7:30 p.m. (brass prelude at 7:15). Admission free.	November 12-14	Details to follow! Moravian Music on the Mountain: a Moravian music weekend at Laurel Ridge Moravian	
May 2	Moravian Music Sunday		Camp and Conference Center, Laurel Springs, NC. Opportunities for band, choir, and listeners. Contact Laurel Ridge at 336-359-2951, or visit laurel_ridge @skybest.com.	
May 2	George L. Lloyd Memorial Concert, location and performer to be announced			
May 9	Moramus Chorale concert, Old Salem Visitors Center, 3:00 p.m. Commemorating the life of Zinzendorf (May 26, 1700 - May 9, 1760).	December 8, 15, 22, and 29	Tannenberg Organ Wednesday Noon Recital Series, Old Salem Visitors Center, Winston- Salem, NC. 12:00 noon. Free	
May 13	Lunch Lecture Series, Archie K. Davis Center, Winston-Salem, NC. "Moravian Ideals 6: Looking Forward to Life Eternal in the Presence of the Savior." C. Daniel Crews and Nola Reed Knouse, lecturers.	2013 Dates TBD	The 24 th Moravian Music Festival, Bethlehem, PA	
June 16-20	Magnolia Baroque Festival, Winston-Salem, NC, featuring music of Johann Friedrich Peter.	Dates TBD	Unity Brass Festival	

We love it when you read our Newsletter...

Brother Edward Krogstad adds to our statistics regarding attendance at Moravian Music Festivals that he has now attended 15 in a row! His first Festival was 40 years ago, in 1969 in New York City. (Of course, he was but an infant at the time...) Thanks, Ed, for letting us know!

Briefly Noted ...

Last year we reported on the visit of music students from Rollins College to the Moravian Music Festival and to our Winston-Salem office, where they selected and began work on new editions from the archival collections. Many of these were presented as part of a lovefeast service at the First Congregational Church of Winter Park, Florida, where their teacher John Sinclair is music director. These students had the opportunity to do original research with primary source documents – an experience usually reserved for graduate students – and they did very well indeed! Several of these new editions are prime candidates for publication in the Moravian Star Anthem Series. Watch for these new publications, and look for great things from these bright and talented young scholars!

For the third year in a row, the Moravian congregations of Staten Island joined forces for a Christmas Vespers service held at New Dorp Moravian Church in early December. The combined choirs prepared and presented seven (!) anthems, in a one-day blitz rehearsal, and presented them as part of the candle lovefeast that evening. MMF Director Nola Knouse conducted, and felt warmly welcomed with the lovely snow that started during the rehearsal and continued throughout the evening.

Lake Mills Moravian Church in Wisconsin sponsored a Moravian music weekend in early October, with a hymnwriting workshop on Saturday morning, an anthem-

reading session in the afternoon, and a celebration of Moravian Music Sunday during worship Saturday evening and Sunday morning. MMF Director Nola Knouse served as clinician and guest preacher. Many thanks to MMF Board member Kathy Wendt for setting this up! Nola and Gwyn are happy travelers – don't hesitate to invite them to come do a workshop in your area!

And yet another good-bye ... to former MMF Board member Francis Knouss (MMF board member 1971-1984). Francis was a resident of Moravian Hall Square in Nazareth, Pennsylvania, and remained a dedicated supporter of the Foundation throughout his life. He received the Moravian Music Foundation Award of Merit in

1985. During my pastoral-care internship at Moravian Hall Square in the spring of 2009, I enjoyed many visits with him. He always claimed we were cousins, and I was proud to consider him so! - *NRK*



From the 1544 German-language hymnal of the Unitas Fratrum, the earliest known printing of the tune *GAUDEAMUS PARITER*, set with a Christmas text. The words we now know to this tune, *Join We All with One Accord*, were not, as previously thought, translated from the ordination hymn of the ancient Unity, but rather newly written in England in 1904 by an anonymous Moravian. That text, though "new", clearly express the faith bequeathed to us by our forebears!

We have made every effort to ensure accurate and complete information in the following lists of volunteers and donors. Please do let us know if we have inadvertently omitted someone, spelled your name incorrectly, or otherwise missed the mark. Thank you!

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Trumpet class in Pokhara, Nepal, in October 2009: one of the students from Laura Hartley's summer class ended up teaching these new students! See MMF Newsletter XXIV no. 2/3, summer 2009 for Laura's story.



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We are deeply appreciative of every gift, no matter the size; all of our donors are dear to our hearts. Thank you for sharing in our mission!

We received a number of gifts in January of 2010 that may have been intended for our 2009 Annual Fund. However, these gifts were postmarked after December 31, 2009, and will be included in the 2010 campaign.

Thank you very much!

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This photograph, taken in September of 1997, may be the largest gathering of Moravian archivists ever recorded. From left to right, we see Albert Frank, Lothar Madeheim, Vernon Nelson, Nola Knouse, Daniel Crews, and Paul Peucker.

There are unique names of groups of like objects – a covey of quail, a murder of crows, a gaggle of geese. What do you call a gathering of archivists? Dare we call this photo – a "dust" of archivists?

Our brethren Albert, Lothar, and Vernon have moved into the Church Triumphant now (see inside for the story about Vernon Nelson). They remain precious in our memory, close to our hearts, and firmly established within the history of the Moravian Church.



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