Singing From the Heart

Did you ever wish for a “shorter Moravian hymnal”? (Or did you ever even think you might want one?) What about for travel? Women’s Fellowship meetings? Retreats? Camps? A small gift to acquaint others with the best-loved Moravian hymns?

This is what Singing From the Heart: A Shorter Moravian Hymnal and Liturgies is! Newly released by the Interprovincial Board of Communications, this book was called for by the Southern Province Synod of 2006. The Moravian Music Foundation provided editorial services, under the oversight of the Commission on Music and Worship of the Southern Province.

The spiral-bound soft-cover book has about 100 hymns, the “core” liturgies from the Moravian Book of Worship (Baptism/confirmation, Memorial service, Easter Morning, the Shorter Church Litany, and the like), and a “baker’s dozen” shorter liturgies or “Congregational Prayers for Moravian Worship”.

Of course, like most ideas Moravian, it really isn’t new – a very similar thing was done 100 years ago with the production of the Shorter Moravian Hymn Book, printed in 1902 (and reissued in 1920!). And even earlier – in 1579 the Unitas Fratrum published a smaller (and more affordable!) version of its big 1576 hymnal.

In this 2010 version, all the hymns have guitar chords as well as the traditional four-part settings. Copies are available for $9.00 from the Interprovincial Board of Communications and the Moravian Music Foundation.

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Moravian Music Foundation
European Concert Tour

July saw the first-ever of its kind in Moravian Music Foundation history – a concert tour with some 70 participants, traveling, singing, meeting Moravian brothers and sisters everywhere, seeing sites we’d only read about, singing, singing, singing ... re-learning music we’d sung at the 2009 Festival (and some we hadn’t!), getting to know some young musicians from Rollins College who accompanied us, enjoying great food and drink and fellowship ... See story and more pictures on pages 4-5 below!
The following letter was received in the MMF office back in June ... and we thought our readers might like to know what one very active band is up to these days!

Hi all,

I thought I’d let you know about a couple of events the Raleigh Moravian Church Band was invited to participate in recently. We viewed both of these events as opportunities to extend our ministry of music out into the community.

On Sunday May 16th, the RMC Band joined the Raleigh Boychoir and the Highland United Methodist Church’s handbell choir in a Raleigh concert at Highland UMC to benefit Habitat for Humanity. The Band presented a brief program of Moravian chorales and other music, and joined the Boychoir, Highland Handbells, and audience in a moving arrangement of Beethoven’s Hymn to Joy.

Two days later, the Band gathered at Goodson Chapel at the Duke University Divinity School to provide service music for the North Carolina Council of Churches’ 75th Anniversary worship service. The Band played a prelude of chorales, provided an offertory anthem, and accompanied the congregation in several hymns.

Best wishes to everyone from Raleigh!

Barb Prillaman

... and thank you, Barb, for keeping us informed!

Happy playing!

Raleigh Moravian Band
(Photo taken May 2008)
**Moravian Star Anthem Series grows and grows...**

We’ve added two anthems to the series this summer, and another is on the way (at ATCO printers now!)

*Sing, O Ye Heavens,* by J. F. Peter, is of course no stranger to many Moravians! It was first published in 1954, edited by Clarence Dickinson. It’s long been out of print and available only through the Lending Library. This new edition was prepared by John Sinclair. Of course, this anthem is infamous for the high soprano part, but remember – each Moravian Star Anthem comes with an organ part transposed to a lower key, which makes life much easier for both sopranos and tenors! Funding for the publication was provided in loving memory of Agnes Stewart Jackson and Emma Marilyn Sinclair.

*Blessed Are They Who Jesus’ Suffering,* also by J. F. Peter, was also published in 1954 and is out of print. This new edition was prepared by Ryan Malone (former organist at Raleigh Moravian), while he was working on his doctorate at Duke. Funding for the publication was provided by the Choir of Central Moravian Church, Bethlehem, PA, to honor Deborah Leyshon-Brandt in celebration of her 30 years of faithful service as the choir’s mezzo-soprano soloist. Deborah’s extraordinary talent and musicality, her leadership, her creativity, and her nurturing spirit have inspired the choir to exalt our Heavenly Father with songs of joy and thanksgiving.

And coming this fall? *Hail, Infant Newborn,* by David Moritz Michael, in Karl Kroeger’s wonderful edition. Again long out of print, the rights to the edition were ceded to MMF by Brodt Music Company in 2007. Funding has been provided in loving memory of Marie Hildebrandt, who was a lifelong member of the Lake Mills Moravian Church in Wisconsin and a long-time member of the Senior Choir. For many years she helped care for the choir robes and before her death she willed half of her estate to support the music ministry of the church.

For assistance in sponsoring a publication contact either MMF office – Nola or Gwyn would be thrilled to help you!

**Moravian Mail** (or how a Moravian Star Anthem arrives in Winston-Salem and Bethlehem!)

Moravian Star Anthems are printed by two wonderful companies, both in Ohio – the Anthony Thomas Candy Company of Columbus, and Schlabach Printers in Sugarcreek. We’re delighted with both of them – and grateful for terrific working relationships and what we think is a great product!

But, you say in wonderment, the Moravian Music Foundation doesn’t have an office in Ohio. How much of the cost of our anthems is being shelled out to shipping companies?


It’s “Moravian mail”, of course!

Put any three Moravians in a room together, and it’ll take them less than five minutes to find out several things: (1) how they’re related; or (2) if they’re not related themselves, how their spouses, ministers, children’s kindergarten teachers, old college roommate’s third cousin once removed, or the like, are related; (3) what pastors they’ve all known and loved; and (4) what their congregations serve for lovefeast. Put yourself as a Moravian in a strange place, and if you find a Moravian household, they’ll generally not only give you a bed and breakfast, but often the house key and their daughter’s car key.

This creates what we affectionately call “Moravian mail” – an informal and highly effective means of transporting letters, documents, books, boxes – and newly printed anthems – from one place to another. All it takes is for one Moravian to decide they’ll make it happen.

Our Moravian mail network is capably organized by Randy Gibbs (New Philadelphia) and David Blum (Columbus). They’ve used people like Dave and Linda Wickmann; Ted and Margaret Leinbach; Barbara Strauss; John Wallace; John and Barbara Giesler; and countless others as couriers for us, saving us many rubles (Euros, pennies, Czech crowns…).

My favorite story? Randy knew that Barbara Strauss (Cleveland) was coming to Winston-Salem last spring, and delivered to her a box of anthems. It turned out that she needed to fly rather than drive; and it was going to cost more to check this box of anthems than it would to ship them, so she hung onto them at home. When Ted Leinbach was going to be driving up to Ohio later on to visit Margaret (then serving an interim pastorate at Sharon), he agreed to drive the box back here – if we could get it back to the Tuscarawas Valley. So this gave Randy and Nancy the perfect excuse to meet Barbara somewhere between Cleveland and New Philadelphia, have dinner together, and transfer the box back to Randy, who got it to Ted, who brought it to Winston-Salem! (And Randy, Nancy, and Barbara had some wonderful fellowship in the experience.)

So, Moravian mail beats the U.S. Postal Service, UPS, FedEx, DHL, and all those others – yes, they deliver, but do they make us smile?
Moravian Music Foundation Concert Tour 2010

Every participant has stories … and there’s not at all room to tell even a fraction of them! So we’re including a sampling of the photos taken, and trust you’ll have the chance to speak with tour participants. Check out the MMF Facebook page for more photos!

(seated) Chuck and Bonnie Stoltz, Peg Heimbrook
(standing) Gwyn Michel, at a meal at Central in Bethlehem

Don Kemmerer calls “151 A!” in the clock tower in Prague

Hedy Heise and Randy Gibbs share a laugh at Central

We celebrated birthdays on the trip – July 15 was Jo Cleland (left) and Dirk French, July 18 was Gary Harlow, July 23, Randy Gibbs, July 28 Barbara Kemmerer (yes, these two were after our return, but we celebrated early!)

Outside the Strahov Library in Prague
(l. to r.) Marilyn Duvé, Pat Johnson, Barb Wendt, Barb Strauss, Richard and Charlotte Scranton, Audrey Parsons, Dirk French, John Giesler

Sue Henrickson, Randy Gibbs, Henning Henrickson at Chalice Rocks, where the members of the early Unitas Fratrum went to worship in secret
The tour itinerary was as follows …

July 9  
We gathered in Bethlehem to rehearse and begin to form ourselves into “ein ehrwürdiges Chor” (choir worthy of praise, a phrase from one of our anthems)

July 10  
First concert, at Central Moravian

July 11  
We sang for worship at Central, then went by bus to JFK Airport, and flew overnight to Prague, with a change of planes in Paris

July 12  
Checked into our hotel in Prague, had a wonderful dinner together!

July 13  
Toured Prague, sang a concert at the St. Nikolai church

July 14  
More touring, sang a concert at Sts. Simon and Jude church

July 15  
Traveled by bus to visit Mlada Boleslav, Železny Brod, the Chalice Rocks, and arrived in Herrnhut in time for a late supper

July 16  
Visited the Herrnhut church, visited graves of musicians in God’s Acre, sang “Sing Hallelujah, praise the Lord!” at Albert Frank’s grave, visited the Zinzendorf manor house, shared in a service of Holy Communion at the Berthelsdorf church, and returned to Herrnhut for a rehearsal and concert

July 17  
Visited the star factory in Herrnhut, traveled by bus to Görlitz for lunch and free time, then to Niesky for rehearsal, participated in Singstunde, and sang our final concert

July 18  
Participated in worship at Herrnhut, and about half of our group returned to Prague to fly home on July 19, and the other half went on by bus to visit Ebersdorf on our way to Rothenburg, our stopover on the way to Oberammergau for the Passion Play
Coming soon...

Once He Came in Blessing
Moravian Advent and Christmas Music
with the Lower Brass Ensemble

This compact disc recording includes...

Once He Came in Blessing; Veiled in Darkness Judah Lay (PFOHL, 581 O); Veiled in Darkness (NICHT SO TRAURIG); Jesus, Call Thou Me (46 A); Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates (TRURO); Hosanna; O Come, O Come Immanuel; Lo, How a Rose (125 C); Hail to the Lord’s Anointed (151 R); O Savior of Our Race (582 C); Morning Star; Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (585 L); Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers (151 I); Hark the Herald Angels Sing; It Came Upon the Midnight Clear; Angels We Have Heard on High; The First Noel; O Little Town of Bethlehem; Silent Night; O Little Town of Bethlehem (FOREST GREEN, 590 N); Softly the Night is Sleeping; O Come, All Ye Faithful; Once He Came in Blessing (AVE HIERARCHIA, 72 A); Brightest and Best; How Bright Appears the Morning Star (228 A); Christ the Lord (CHRIST THE LORD); Once in Royal David’s City; Cradle Song (39 G); From Heaven High I Come to You (22 B); Comfort, Comfort Now My People (165 A); Christ the Lord (SPLENDOR, 16 T); Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (121 A); Christians Awake, Salute the Happy Morn; Joy to the World; Angels from the Realms of Glory (585 D); As Long as Jesus Lord Remains (22 Q); Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending (91 A); Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light (169 A)

Scheduled for release in October – watch our E-Newsletter and web page for the announcement!

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Moravian Music Calendar
Updated August 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 – for frequent updates!

(while we know you treasure each issue of your Moravian Music Foundation Newsletter, this calendar page is designed so that you can cut it out and put it on your refrigerator, with the Lunch Lecture Series on the opposite side!)

September 12
Community Band Festival concert, 3:00 p.m., Winston Square, Winston-Salem, NC. Performances by the Salem Band, Bethabara Park Community Band, and Winston-Salem Community Band. Free.

September 15
Lenten Singstunde, sponsored by the Moravian Archives, Moravian Music Foundation, and Central Moravian Church. Old Chapel, Bethlehem, PA. 7:00 p.m. For information, see www.MoravianChurchArchives.org

September 26
Organ recital, Kernersville Moravian Church, 4:00 p.m., featuring Scott Carpenter, organist at St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church W-S and Coordinator of music programs for Old Salem Museums and Gardens. Free.

September 28
Raymond Ebert, Jr., will perform Charles G. Vardell, Jr.’s Sonata for Organ. Margaret Vardell Sandresky will talk about her father and the organ sonata. 7:00 p.m., Centenary United Methodist Church, 646 West Fifth Street, Winston-Salem, NC. Co-sponsored by Centenary’s Music and the Arts Ministry and the Winston-Salem Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

October 3
Anniversary Lovefeast at New Beginnings Moravian Church, Huntersville, NC, 5:00 p.m. Featuring the reconstructed lovefeast ode from which the beloved duet “It Is A Precious Thing” comes.

October 8-9
Worship and Music Workshop, Sponsored by the Southern Province Commission on Music and Worship, at Friedland Moravian Church.

October 14-16
Bethlehem Conference on Moravian Music, sponsored by Moravian College, the Moravian Archives, Moravian Music Foundation.

October 15
An Evening of Moravian Music -7:30 p.m., Central Moravian Church. A Moravian Singstunde featuring the choirs and instrumental ensembles from Central Moravian Church and Moravian College. Free-will offering.

November 14
Rickey Johnson, harpsichord, with friends – music for voices, flute, oboe, string quartet. 4:00 p.m., Spaugh Recital Hall, Archie K. Davis Center. Free.

November 27
An Advent Organ Concert – Rebecca Owens, organist, 3:00 p.m., Central Moravian Church. Free-will offering.

November 30
Advent Singstunde, sponsored by the Moravian Archives, Moravian Music Foundation, and Central Moravian Church. Old Chapel, Bethlehem, PA. 7:00 p.m. For information, see www.MoravianChurchArchives.org

December 8, 15, 22, 29
Tannenberg Organ Recital Series, Old Salem Visitors Center, Winston-Salem, NC. 12:00 noon. Free.

December 19
Salem Band concert, 3:00 p.m., Salemtowne, Moravian Retirement Community, Winston-Salem, NC. Free.

December 21
Salem Band Concert, 7:30 p.m., Home Moravian Church. Free.

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February 13
The Princeton Singers, 4 p.m. in the Old Chapel, Central Moravian Church, Bethlehem, PA. Free-will offering.

March 11
Weber Memorial Lectures, Moravian Theological Seminary: Brian Wren, “Surprise Us By the Words We Sing: New Hymns to Sing and Ponder”. Free, open to the public. Contact Moravian Theological Seminary Department of Continuing Studies to register: 610-625-7868; ssimmons@moravian.edu.

March 22
Lenten Singstunde, sponsored by the Moravian Archives, Moravian Music Foundation, and Central Moravian Church. Old Chapel, Bethlehem, PA. 7:00 p.m.

April 3
A Spring Organ Concert – Rebecca Owens, organist -3 p.m., Central Moravian Church, Bethlehem, PA. Free-will offering.

April 9
The Invisible Fire, an oratorio on the life of John Wesley (highlighting the Moravian connection). Music by Cecil Effinger; libretto by Tom F. Driver. 7:30 p.m., 2540 Wesley Church, 2540 Center St., Bethlehem. Tickets: Adults $30; Seniors (62 and older) $25; students (with ID) $20. Call 610-434-7811 to reserve tickets. Or visit http://www.pacameratasingers.org/thisseason.htm

April 14
Wind Ensemble concert, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA, 8:00 p.m. A concert to honor the soldiers and musicians of the American Civil War, beginning the 150th anniversary commemoration of that war in the Lehigh Valley. Special guests: The Federal City Brass Band performing at 7:00 p.m.

May 22
Moravian Music Sunday! Materials to be available in early January 2011.

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Zinzendorf and Music
C. Daniel Crews and Nola Reed Knouse

October 21 (THIRD WEEK!)
Singing from the Heart: A Shorter Moravian Hymnal and Liturgies
Nola Reed Knouse

November 11
Moravian Liturgy: Historical Development
C. Daniel Crews and Nola Reed Knouse

December 9
Moravian Liturgy: Today’s Uses
C. Daniel Crews and Nola Reed Knouse

January 13
From Springplace to New Springplace
C. Daniel Crews

February 10
Abraham Steiner: Apostle to the Cherokees
C. Daniel Crews

March 10
The Moravian Daily Texts: History and Some Really Good Stories
C. Daniel Crews

April 14
Theology in New Moravian Hymns
Nola Reed Knouse

May 12
Joy in Moravian Hymnody
Nola Reed Knouse

Lectures are held in the Spaugh Recital Hall at the Archie K. Davis Center, from 12:15 – 12:45 p.m., generally on the second Thursday of the month. Admission is free; bring a lunch if you like!

WEATHER POLICY: If the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools are closed because of weather, or if schools close early for weather, phone the office to see if we’re here! 722-1742; 725-0651
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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!

Thank you very much!

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