

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



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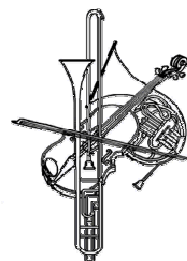
Christmas started in April in 2010 for a lot of us. That's when about 60 people spent the lovely spring weekend of April 23-25 recording Advent and Christmas music. We got into the Christmas spirit with decorations of holly, Santa Claus hats, and a Christmas tree, with red tablecloths and candles on our refreshment table, and lots and lots and lots of Christmas music!

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MMF Now "Owns" Moravian Music Festivals!

("I thought the Music Foundation already *did* own the Festivals," you think.) But not so – the Moravian Music Festivals *were* sponsored by the Moravian Church in America, Northern and Southern Provinces.

A few years ago, the Provincial Elders Conferences of both provinces approached the MMF Board of Trustees to ask if MMF would take on full responsibility for the Festivals. At that time, the Board was uncertain of financial risks to MMF, and chose not to do so. However, the question arose again in the fall of 2009, and after careful investigation and consultation, in the spring of 2010, the MMF Board accepted the responsibility, beginning with the 24th Moravian Music Festival to be held July 14-20, 2013, in Bethlehem, PA.



Did you get those dates? Are they seared into your memory and written in your calendar? If not, why not?



What were those dates again?

**July 14-20, 2013, in
Bethlehem,
Pennsylvania**

See you there! Watch this space for updates!

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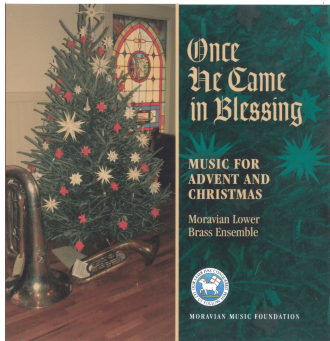
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We were graciously hosted by Salemtowne, the Moravian retirement community, who not only provided the use of the Smith Saal, but also provided a staff person to turn off the air conditioning while we were recording (to avoid the barely-noticeable low-D hum it generated). And the group was lively, dedicated to working hard, good humored through the many times we heard Gwyn's voice over the intercom, saying, "That was BEAUTIFUL! ... but ..." -- and so we played it again. And again. And again.

The result is nothing short of glorious! The CD's have just arrived in the Winston-Salem office, and they're not lingering - orders are flying in and out as quickly as Margaret can package and mail them. Don't miss your chance to give a truly unique gift this Christmas!

In our last Newsletter we listed the tunes included on the CD. Now we'd like to say *Thank you!* to the players:

Soprano: David Rupert Bagby, Max Brady, Mike Cude, Ray Gatland, Doug Gerringer, Bill Hunter, Russ Kaiser, Brian C. Lott, Dewey Mullis, Gene Nail, Bob Sawyer, Joseph Transou, Pat Tucker, Bob Ward **Alto:** Robbie Alphin, Steve Anthony, Margaret Brady, Donna Crook, Billy Grant, Richard Henderson, Robah Ogburn, Jan Reich, Art Sorensen **Tenor:** Barry F. Alphin, Richard Andrews, Wes Brendle, Tom Brown, Donovan Clifton, Robert Conrad, Jean Marie Craddock, H. Wayne Fulp, Allen Goslen, Vergil Gough, Keith Hege, John Hunter, Donald Johansson, Tim Smith, Andrew Sorensen, Randy Vance, Gene Wagoner **Bass:** Tom Abbott, Brown Clodfelter, Bart Collins, Meredith Craven, Bill Duncan, Caleb Foote, Leroy Foster, Ben Horner, Paul Horner, Chris Jones, Holli Nelson, Bruce Rothrock, Pat Selby, Michael Sloan, Karl Stimpson, Jonnie Tucker, Powell Winstead, Tom Yarbrough.

Congregations: Bethabara, Bethania, Calvary, Clemmons, Friedland, Fulp, Good Shepherd, Home, Mizpah, New Philadelphia, Palmetto Fellowship, Peace, Rural Hall, Union Cross, Willow Hill, Ardmore United Methodist, Centenary United Methodist, First Christian. *Of course, the Moravian Lower Brass includes far more than these players. Schedule conflicts prevented a number of players from participating in this recording.*

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Santa's camera - notice the holly and ivy twining up the tripod, and the Santa hat on top! This camera allowed Gwyn and engineer Frank Martin, in the production truck, to see what was going on during the recording session.



Moravian Star Anthem Series



Just arrived in our office: *Hail, Infant Newborn*, by David Moritz Michael, in Karl Kroeger's wonderful edition. After it was 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.

Soon to come: *There Is Salvation in Christ Alone*, by Johannes Herbst, in a new edition and translation. Some of you will remember this as "No Other Way is Given to Men", originally published by Boosey & Hawkes in 1977. Funding for the publication was provided as a gift to Dr. John V. Sinclair with grateful and sincere appreciation for the many ways he supports and promotes Moravian music.

And newly available: an extensive list of anthems available for sponsorship! Contact Nola if you'd like to see the list or to see some of these anthems. Composers include the "usual suspects" – Peter, Michael, Herbst, Latrobe, Bechler, Gregor, Hagen, Leinbach, and so on – plus a few lesser-known composers of the 18th and 19th century – Wolf, Warner, Naumann – and even a few living composers!



Community/Midwest Music Festival at Lake Mills

If music fills your heart and lifts your spirit, you'll want to save the dates of July 20 to July 24, 2011. The Lake Mills Moravian Church (Lake Mills, Wisconsin) welcomes you to join us in singing music we've enjoyed throughout history. We are pleased to sponsor the Midwest/Communities Music Festival featuring Moravian music. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring your friends and family to experience the sounds of Moravian music!



Lake Mills Moravian Church

photo by Kat Wendt

Dr. John V. Sinclair, who serves as the Continuing Conductor for Moravian Music Festivals, will be the director of music and choral conductor for this event. Dr. Sinclair is highly recognized as a master and award winning teacher at Rollins College in Winter Park. He is also the artistic director and conductor of the Bach Festival Society Choir in Winter Park and is a conductor for Disney's Candlelight Processional held at the EPCOT Center each Christmas Season. Most recently, Dr. Sinclair conducted the 2010 Moravian Concert Tour to the Czech Republic and Germany.

This is a great opportunity to sing wonderful music and work with a great clinician. This is a long weekend event that you won't want to miss! We'd love to welcome you to Lake Mills!

If you would like more information, please contact Kathy Wendt at katwendt1@charter.net or call 920.209.0729 or contact the Lake Mills Moravian Church at lmnc3@frontier.com or call Teresa at 920.648.5412.

See you in Wisconsin!

Christmas shopping, anyone?

Moravian Musical Ideas for the music-lovers on your list

- ♪ A Moravian Music Foundation horn pin is a lovely gift for men or women. As a lapel pin or scarf pin, it can spark conversations, which usually begin with, "I didn't know you played the French horn!" and hopefully end with, "I'd love to know more about the Moravian Music Foundation! Can someone send me some information?"

- ♪ A CD of Moravian music: choose from these:

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

Loveliest Immanuel, Sacred Moravian Solos, performed by Sharla Nafziger with the Bach Festival

Chamber Orchestra, Winter Park, Florida, under the direction of John Sinclair

Church, Rejoice! The Moravian Lower Brass

Sing, O Ye Heavens!, Moravian vocal music, performed by the Bach Festival Society of Winter Park, Florida

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers: Moravian Music for Advent and Christmas. King Moravian Church

Choir and orchestra, Drake Flynt, director

John Antes (1740-1811), *Three String Trios* & Johann Friedrich Peter (1746-1813), *Six String*

Quintets, performed by American Moravian Chamber Ensemble. New World Records 80507-2 (double CD set)

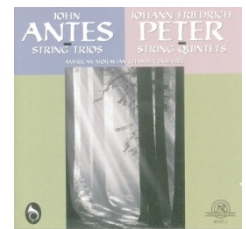
Lost Music of Early America - Music of the Moravians, performed by Boston Baroque, Martin Pearlman, Director. Telarc CD-80482

David Moritz Michael (1751-1827), *The Water Journey and Parthias 1 & 2; By a Spring and Parthias 3, 4 & 5; Parthias 6-9; and Parthias 10-14*, all performed by Pacific Classical Winds. New World Records.

A Storm in the Land: Music of the 26th N.C. Regimental Band, CSA, and Cheer, Boys, Cheer! Music of the 26th N.C. Regimental Band, CSA, performed by the American Brass Quintet Brass Band. New World Records.

Joining Our Voices: Moravian Hymns

Mit Freuden zart: Moravian Chorales for Brass



- ♪ Good reading material will set your gift recipients up for winter weather to come. We recommend...

Johann Christian Bechler, a brand-new biography by C. Daniel Crews (\$5.00) (hot off the presses!)

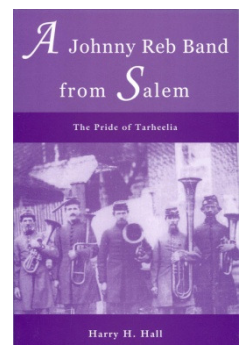
John Antes, a highly-readable biography by C. Daniel Crews (\$5.00)

Johann Friedrich Peter and His Times, yet another Crews special (\$5.00)

Companion to the Moravian Book of Worship, by Albert H. Frank, for the hymn-lover on your list. This contains information about every hymn in the *Moravian Book of Worship*, the *Readings for Holy Week*, and the supplemental *Services for Holy Communion*. (\$24.95)

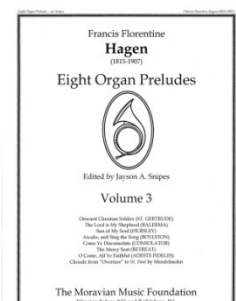
The Music of the Moravian Church in America, edited by Nola Reed Knouse. While this book fits the needs of scholars, it also is readable for the "average" lover of music. Find out more than you knew you wanted to know about Moravian music and worship! (\$50.00)

A Johnny Reb Band from Salem, updated story of the 26th N. C. Regimental Band and its adventures in the American Civil War.



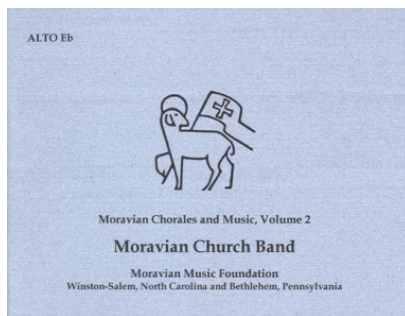
- ♪ Music to play at home will help while away the snowy days. A good wish list includes ... *Eight Organ Preludes*, by Francis Florentine Hagen, volumes 1, 2, 3, and 4. (Yes, there are 8 in each volume!). And they do say "organ", but most are very readily adaptable for piano (two staves of music, not three).

Moravian Sketches for Organ, volume 1 (Advent/Christmas) and volume 2 (Lent), by Brian Henkelmann. Again, while written for organ, most are very playable on piano as well.

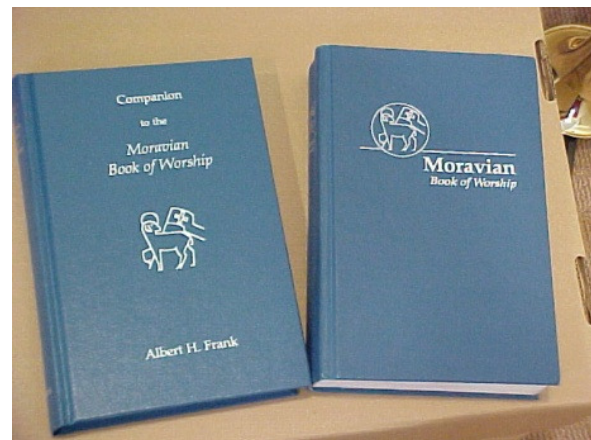
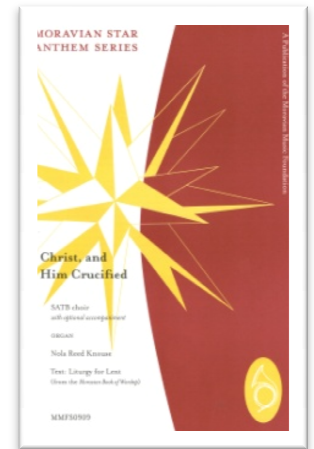


Descants in Bb and *Descants in C* for *Moravian Chorales and Music* (the band books). These books include descants for many tunes in the “green books” as well as the “blue books”, and when you listen to *Once He Came in Blessing*, you’ll find that descants don’t have to be limited to high-pitched instruments: a baritone sounds lovely too! *Moravian Advent and Christmas Hymns*, book with CD, includes the music to all your favorites plus a little bit about each one.

- ♪ And for the hymn lover among your friends and family, consider the **new German Choralbuch (2008)** – all the tunes to the hymn texts in the German *Gesangbuch* (2007) ... a matched set would be a gift of overwhelming thoughtfulness and generosity! (*Gesangbuch*: \$35; *Choralbuch*: \$80).
- ♪ For the new Moravian, the Moravian far from a Moravian Church, the guitar players, the travelers ... *Singing from the Heart: A Shorter Moravian Hymnal*, with about 100 “core” Moravian hymns and some liturgies, with guitar chords (\$9.00)
- ♪ For the person who has everything? Consider sponsoring an anthem in the *Moravian Star Anthem Series* in their honor!
- ♪ To spark your imagination, here are more pictures of our offerings ...



Blue band books



Companion to the Moravian Book of Worship and Moravian Book of Worship



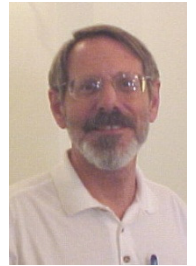
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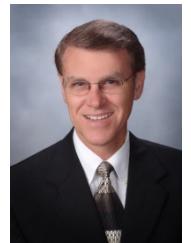
The Moravian Music Foundation thanks the following board members whose terms of service conclude at the end of the year ...

- **Don Frey**, of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, for his service during fiscal years 2003-2010. He has served on the Development, Finance, and Personnel committees, and as Vice-President of the Board.



- **Gordon Sommers**, of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, for his service during fiscal years 2003-2010. He has served on the Development and Personnel Committees, and as Vice-President of the Board.

- **Randy Gibbs**, of New Philadelphia, Ohio, for his service during fiscal years 2001-2010. He has served on the Development, Long-Range Planning, Music, and Personnel Committees.



- **John Yarbrough**, of Raleigh, North Carolina and Charleston, South Carolina, for his service during fiscal years 2003-2010. He has served on the Development, Finance, and Personnel Committees.

✱ Many, many thanks for your faithful service! ✱

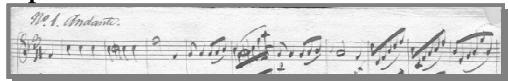
A "Dust" of Archivists – Version 2.0



Meeting in Bethlehem, PA, before the Bethlehem Conference on Moravian Music and History, were (left to right): Olaf Nippe, from the Unity Archives in Herrnhut; Lanie Graf and Paul Peucker, Moravian Archives Northern Province; Lorraine Parsons, Moravian Archives, British Province; Craig Atwood, Director of the Center for Moravian Studies; C. Daniel Crews, Moravian Archives Southern Province; Nola Reed Knouse and Gwyneth Michel, Moravian Music Foundation. See MMF Newsletter, XXV/1 (Winter 2010) for Version 1.0 from 1997!

Moravian Music Calendar

Updated October 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!

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". 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.

September 10 Moravian Festival at New Philadelphia Moravian Church

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July 14-20 The 24th Moravian Music Festival, Bethlehem, PA
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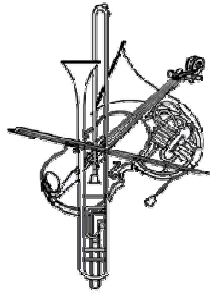
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Members of the Moravian Lower Brass Ensemble play a prelude at Home Church, Christmas Eve 2009.
Photo by Bob Hunter, now on the back cover of

Once He Came in Blessing,
the Lower Brass Ensemble's newest CD!

