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Like every other arts organization, the Moravian Music Foundation was greatly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Before the end of the first quarter, MMF was compelled to cancel concerts and rehearsals, and to begin re-thinking all our activities. After several years of focusing attention on planning and hosting events, the staff and board made a swift and smooth transition to producing and sharing online content. When the pandemic is behind us and we can return to in-person events, we will not forget the lessons learned and the relationships strengthened through this difficult year.

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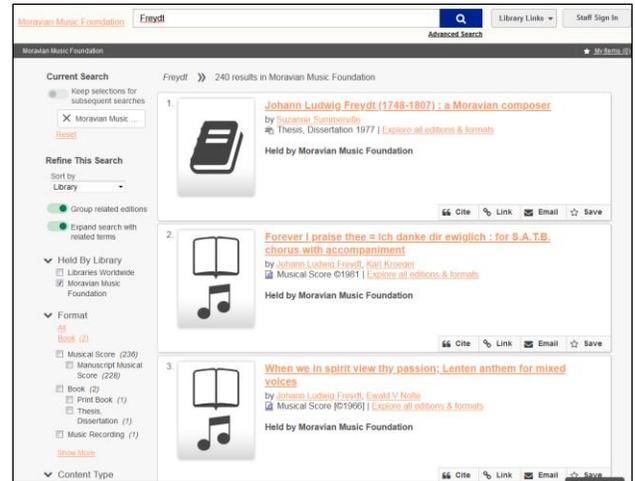
The Moravian Music Foundation Preserves ...

❖ GemeinKat Cataloging Project: moving from this



Cataloger Frances Cumnock sorting manuscripts and cards in the 1970s

to this:



Screen shot of online catalog search moravianmusic.on.worldcat.org

Work on **GemeinKat**, the Foundation's multi-year project to convert our catalog of holdings to online records, continues at a steady pace. The project is slowly moving toward a logical conclusion. Librarians will tell you that no cataloging project is ever "complete"; sooner or later, you just have to stop, and move into a "maintenance" mode, cataloging new acquisitions and discoveries along the way. We are nearing that milestone. There are three major divisions of the project:

- First is *GemeinKat* – the online catalog through OCLC. This is where librarians and researchers look for books, music, and so on, around the world.
- Second is *RISM* – an international database of musical sources, primarily manuscripts but now expanding to include printed music. This is where many archivists and researchers, especially in Europe, search for materials.
- And third are the *finding aids* – the summary descriptions, collection by collection, of our holdings; these provide the context and background for each collection and how it relates to Moravian history.
- What follows here is a summary of the status of the project and the work in progress:
 - All of the major collections are online in OCLC's online catalog.
 - Many of the major collections are already visible in RISM, including the Johannes Herbst Collection, Lititz Congregation, Lititz Collegium Musicum, Lititz Bound Volumes, Dover Congregation, Bethlehem Scores, Salem Collegium Musicum.
 - The staff is preparing to send additional collections to RISM: we are waiting for RISM to make specific enhancements to their processes and software before we send more records. The ones to be sent are: Bethlehem Congregation, Hagen, Lancaster Bound Volumes, Lititz Manuscript Books, Nazareth Congregation, Salem Band, Salem Congregation, Salem Liturgy Group, Salem Sisters, Teague Band Collection.
 - "Pre-RISM" work is nearing completion on other collections, including the Philharmonic Society of Bethlehem (the largest and by far most complex collection!), Bethlehem Manuscript Books, Salem Manuscript Books, Lancaster Manuscript Books, Peter Codex, Lititz Misc., Bethlehem Misc.
 - Staff members are working out strategy for specific smaller collections: Bethlehem Bound Volumes, Salem Bound Volumes, other "minor collections" in Bethlehem and Salem;
 - Finding aids still remain to be completed, edited, and uploaded.

- Barbara Strauss continues her work as project manager, managing the work flow and focusing on the Philharmonic Society of Bethlehem collection. Both Donna Rothrock and Jan Harke continue to work part-time. Dave Blum is working on several of the smaller collections along with his own research and his active assistance of many researchers world-wide. Barbara Prillaman (a member of Raleigh Moravian, working on her library science degree) is working as a volunteer on specific tasks (she completed a practicum with this last summer).
- ❖ Also in 2020 we received the collected hymns of E. Artis Wright Weber, and have just begun the initial cataloging on this large body of work.

The Moravian Music Foundation Shares ...

The Moravian Music Foundation's sharing activities included fostering and conducting research projects; traditional projects such as publishing anthems and recording music for compact discs; and newer ways of communicating, including producing a significant body of videos covering a very wide range of topics.

- ❖ **Research activities:** Research librarian David Blum was at the forefront of MMF's research activities, as a writer and speaker himself as well as assisting scholars from around the world in their studies. MMF's connection with the international scholarly community is growing, with recent communications with scholars in Germany, England, Portugal, and New Zealand, as well as a large number of researchers in the USA. David has presented papers at several scholarly conferences, including the 2020 Reynolda Conference, *Becoming American: Moravians and Their Neighbors (1772-1822)*, sponsored by Wake Forest University and the Moravian Archives (Southern Province). He is assisting two scholars studying aspects of the music of Margaret Vardell Sandresky, as well as others studying and performing music of Beethoven.
- ❖ **Bibliography of Moravian music research:** David Blum has prepared a bibliography of theses and dissertations, books, published conference papers, and peer-reviewed articles on topics in Moravian music, 2010-2020.
- ❖ **Moravian Star Anthems:** Printed in 2020 were the following:
 - D. Henkelmann, *Festival Te Deum*; sponsored in memory of the Rev. Reinhold and Caroline Henkelmann, who together served Moravian congregations in Pennsylvania; Bronx, New York; Indiana; and Ohio;
 - B. Henkelmann, *Trusting in Christ's Love and Merit*, sponsored in memory of David H. and Jeanne W. Gower, faithful members of Schoeneck Moravian Church, by Karl and Terry Harsney;
 - B. Henkelmann, *Three Introits*, sponsored in honor of Marie Reavis Bagby by her children Martha Bagby Garris, Elizabeth Bagby Robinette, and David Rupert Bagby;
 - B. Nelson and John Gunn, *Shining the Light*, sponsored by The Senior Choir of the Lake Mills Moravian Church in celebration of The Rev. Bruce Nelson's music, and funded by the Marie Hildebrandt Estate.
 - J. F. Peter, *The Lord Bless You Richly*, sponsored by John Sinclair and dedicated "to my dear friends David and Evie Blum";
 - J. F. Peter, *Come, Thank Our Great Savior*; sponsored by Gwyneth Michel, Assistant Director of the Moravian Music Foundation and Director of the Unitas Chorale, in honor of the Unitas Chorale, a



wonderful family of singers whose beautiful voices and lively spirit and have graced the world with Moravian music for more than 20 years;

- J. Prescott, *Sing Hallelujah!*, commissioned and the publication sponsored in honor of Sibyl Sharp and her twenty years of service as organist by the King's Way United Methodist Church Choir, Springfield, Missouri;
- E. Erbe, *Unto Us a Child Is Born (Christmas Anthem)*; sponsored in celebration of Richard T. Miller on his 25th Anniversary as Chapel Organist, by the Chapel Choir and Minister of Music, Becky Lepore, of Central Moravian Church, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania;
- D. M. Michael, *We Are Members*, sponsored in honor of Dr. Doris Schattschneider in grateful appreciation for her many years of service as President of the Board of Directors of Moravian Open Door, a transitional housing and support services ministry of the Moravian Church, in New York.

❖ Audio Recordings:

- In the late fall of 2019, the Bach Festival Society of Winter Park, Florida, under the direction of John V. Sinclair, recorded roughly half of the music to be included on a new compact disc recording of **Moravian Christmas** music, scheduled for release in the fall of 2020. The recording of the remainder of the CD was scheduled for May of 2020, but had to be postponed, and has not yet been rescheduled.
- The work on a CD of music by American composer **Charles G. Vardell** was completed in 2020, in spite of the pandemic. Already recorded (in January 2019) was Vardell's *Sonata for Violin and Piano*, and in July of 2020 pianist Barbara Lister-Sink recorded piano music to finish the planned CD. Present in Shirley Recital Hall at the Salem College Fine Arts Center were Lister-Sink; recording engineer Frank Martin; and MMF director (and page-turner) Nola Knouse. Producing from a distance, through the marvel of technology, was Gwyneth Michel, hearing in real-time what was going into the microphones from her office desk 500 miles to the north. Though not a member of the Moravian Church, Vardell (1893-1962) wrote a number of pieces based on Moravian tunes, and his music was deposited in the care of MMF by his daughter, composer Margaret Vardell Sandresky. The CD is scheduled for release some time in 2021.



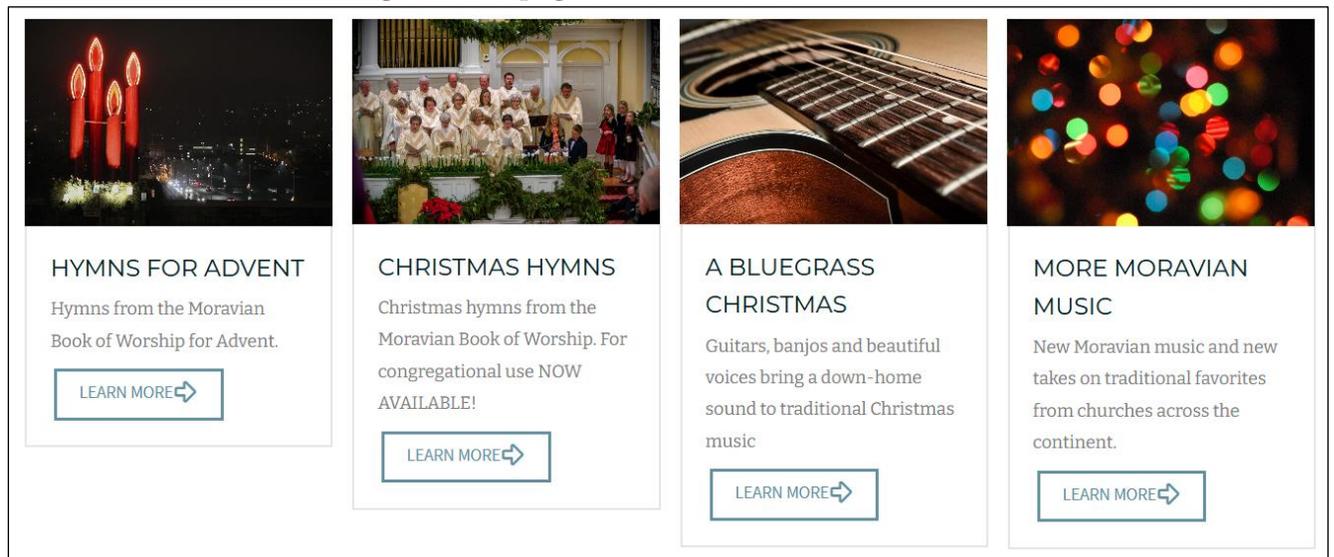
Nola, Frank, Barbara and, in Bethlehem, Gwyn

❖ Recordings made available online for the pandemic year and beyond:

In addition to these recordings which MMF makes available for purchase, the MMF staff were all involved in performing and producing recordings for use by congregations in this pandemic year.

- Gwyneth Michel convened small groups of singers and accompanists (including herself) to record many hymns in Bethlehem, as did MMF board member Rebecca Kleintop Lepore.
- Sarah Durham worked with a group of clergy-musicians in Winston-Salem to record many songs throughout the spring and summer.
- Erik Salzwedel recorded himself and Mary Elen Kollman playing brass duets (overdubbed as a quartet on occasion) as well as trombone solos, brass lessons, and projects for next year's Festival.
- Erik Salzwedel, in addition to performing, was quite often "the man behind the camera" and the one at the computer screen editing recordings and uploading them to YouTube.
- David Blum sang and recorded solos and hymns for New Philadelphia Moravian Church and Advent Moravian Church.

- The entire Winston-Salem staff, along with board member Barry Foster, soprano Eve Salzwedel, and organist Susan Foster, participated in recording sessions for Advent and Christmas music for the www.MoravianChristmas.org resource page.



A snapshot of the "music" section of the MoravianChristmas.org website

- ❖ **Video recordings:** Many videos were added to MMF's YouTube channel in 2020, including instructional materials, performances, and lectures. Viewership rose as we have never seen before, due to the variety and quality of these presentations. New to the YouTube channel in 2020 were these, among others:
 - "From Russia With Love (of sacred choral music): Johann Wilhelm Hässler's Moravian Connections" - Dave Blum, lecturer
 - "Moravian Funeral Chorales" - Nola Knouse, lecturer
 - "A Timeline of Moravian Music" - Nola Knouse, lecturer
 - "Beethoven in Salem" - Dave Blum, lecturer
 - "The Americanization of Moravian Music" - Dave Blum, lecturer
 - "Johannes Herbst, Moravian Composer" (two parts) - Dave Blum, lecturer
 - "Moravian Ideals, Moravian Music" (six parts) - Nola Knouse and Daniel Crews, lecturers
 - "Beethoven's Music at the Moravian Music Foundation" - Dave Blum, lecturer
 - "Moravian Bandfest Online: Phrasing for Brass Instruments" - Erik Salzwedel, lecturer/performer
 - Eleven short music videos featuring performances by MMF staff
 - Two lectures by Nola Knouse reporting on scientific studies regarding the high risk of group singing and wind-instrument playing during the pandemic
- ❖ **Sharing our music through technology:**
 - **Moravian Christmas Marathon:** An amazing joint venture of Moravian Church Without Walls,¹ MMF, the Southern Province Board of Cooperative Ministries, the Interprovincial Board of Communication, and a host of congregations and individuals, produced some 10 hours of audio/video content which ran continuously from December 24 through December 27 on YouTube. This included video from past concerts and worship services, an international "virtual choir" singing Gregor's *Hosanna*, stories and

¹ "Moravian Church Without Walls" is a creative, collaborative community committed to sharing our faith out beyond the walls of the church. It was begun several years ago by people in both North American provinces who wanted to stay in closer touch through social media. This network, already operational when COVID-19 struck, marshalled its impressive network of individuals and creative energy, and offered a worship service every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. by way of Zoom, throughout the summer of 2020.

reflections, “The Best Virtual Christmas Pageant Ever”, and many, many audio and video files from all around the Moravian world. MMF was well represented both in our own productions and in those of others who used our recordings (with permission, of course!).

- **CD Baby** is an online distributor of music produced by various independent organizations and performers; for a one-time setup fee, this company makes audio recordings available on over 150 streaming and download services around the world, including Spotify, Apple Music, Pandora, Amazon, and others. MMF Executive Assistant Sarah Durham has been working diligently throughout the year to make MMF’s audio recordings available through this valuable service – thus resulting in some income through streaming of our music.
- **Spotify** is one of the companies through which CD Baby distributes recordings; Sarah has also created some playlists on Spotify, and MMF receives some income every time someone listens to our music.
- For many years, music sales giant **J. W. Pepper** has listed some Moravian music publications on its website; over the past year Sarah Durham has been working directly with marketing and sales representatives of J. W. Pepper to ensure that Moravian Music Foundation publications are listed and sold through J. W. Pepper. A future step? Adding other online sales agencies as retailers for our music and booklet publications!

The Moravian Music Foundation Celebrates...



- ❖ **BTHVN Rocks Winston-Salem** was planned to be a year-long celebration of the 250th birth year of composer Ludwig van Beethoven, with the participation of over 30 local arts organizations. The Moravian Music Foundation was involved from the beginning, with the recognition that the collections include several “first editions” of Beethoven’s music. Planning for this began in the fall of 2019, and a few events were actually held before the pandemic caused events to be cancelled. MMF continued its emphasis, through lectures recorded and presented by Dave Blum, and through the live-streaming of a concert from the Archie K. Davis Center recital hall on 16 December (thought to be Beethoven’s actual birthday). This concert included *Drei Equale* (chorales for four trombones) and a string-sextet arrangement of Beethoven’s *Symphony #6*, the *Pastorale* – one of the works for which MMF holds a first edition. Co-sponsored by the Winston-Salem Symphony, this livestreamed event was beautifully performed and presented.
- ❖ The first known **Moravian Songwriters Weekend** was held February 7-9, 2020, at Laurel Ridge Camp, Conference, and Retreat Center. Eighteen participants converged from North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin to spend a weekend together exploring texts and music, working together on new songs, and pondering things like “what makes a song *good*?” Perhaps new creations will come from the collaborative

relationships strengthened at this retreat; perhaps the writers and listeners simply went home refreshed and refueled for their own work.

Chris Johnson, Riddick Weber, Robert Rominger, Bruce Nelson, June Edwards (back) collaborate on a new song



- ❖ A Moravian **BandFest** was held at Friedland Moravian Church in Winston-Salem on February 15, 2020. This one-day event was led by band leaders Robbie Alphin (Friedland), David Teague (New Philadelphia), Hubert Fort (Raleigh), and Van Krause (Advent-Hopewell Moravian Band). MMF offered this as a free event and received donations; the women's fellowship of Friedland Moravian Church provided abundant, delicious food, and over 80 people came, played, laughed, and enjoyed a festive day together.



- ❖ **Music on the Mountain** was held for the 10th consecutive year at Laurel Ridge Camp, Conference, and Retreat Center, March 13-15. Leaders originally set for the weekend were:
 - Dr. John V. Sinclair, choral conductor; Professor of Music at Rollins College, celebrating his 25th year as Artistic Director and Conductor of the Bach Festival Society of Winter Park, conductor of Moravian Music Festivals, the Messiah Choral Society of Winter Park, and has conducted for the Berkshire Choral Festival;
 - Drake Flynt, assistant choral conductor; director of the Moramus Chorale (who was also scheduled to direct a recording session of the weekend's anthems, during the week following);
 - Allen Frank, band director; teacher and director of bands at Liberty High School in Bethlehem, PA; performer on tuba and member of Main Street Brass;
 - The Rt. Rev. Samuel J. Gray, devotions leader; Director of Mission Outreach for the Moravian Board of World Mission; and
 - Montine Pfohl Wilkinson, piano accompanist.

News about the seriousness of the spread of the novel coronavirus caused more than a third of the registrants to reconsider, as late as the day of the event, and cancel their plans to attend, as did Sinclair, Gray, and Flynt. The MMF staff met on the Friday morning to share out the responsibilities; David Blum, Sarah Durham, and Gwyneth Michel, all three choral conductors, took on the choir, and Nola Knouse led devotions. Instead of worshipping at Mountain Laurel Fellowship as has been the custom, we invited their members to come to Laurel Ridge and worship with us, and several did so.

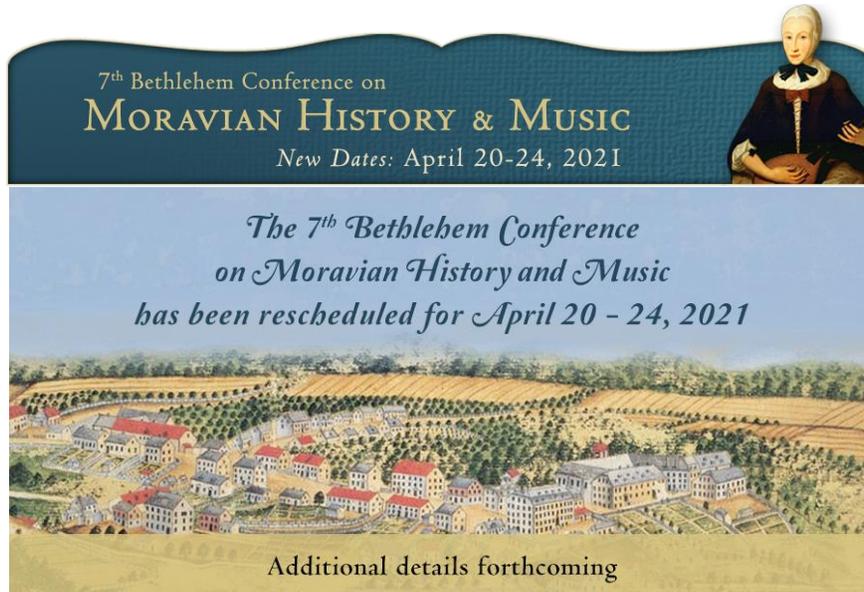
This was the last in-person event hosted by the Moravian Music Foundation for 2020; and had we known the riskiness of singing and playing instruments, we would certainly have cancelled the entire event! We were quite fortunate that no one seems to have been carrying the virus at that early stage, and we had a joyful weekend.



Sunday morning band prelude at Music on the Mountain

- ❖ **Moravian Music Sunday 2020** was scheduled for May 10, and materials were made available in January of 2020. With the cessation of in-person worship services, Moravian Church Without Walls offered to host a Moravian Music Sunday service on May 17, with the entire MMF staff as worship leaders. Unfortunately, technical difficulties kept the event from taking place on that date, and it was rescheduled and celebrated on June 7.

- ❖ At the beginning of the year, plans were well underway for the Bethlehem Conference on Moravian History and Music, scheduled for October of 2020. The continuation of social distancing and the increased spread of the virus led conference organizers to plan, first, for a hybrid conference in October, and then to postpone the entire event to April of 2021. All will participate via Zoom technology.



from www.MoravianConferences.org.

- ❖ At the beginning of 2020, and through most of the first quarter, plans were well underway for the **26th Moravian Music Festival**, scheduled for 18-24 July 2021 in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Committee chair Hank Naisby assembled a local committee to handle all the “nuts and bolts” of running a week-long Festival, to include the usual variety of concerts, seminars and workshops, small and large ensemble rehearsals, worship, and fellowship. Choral music was all chosen and edited, with most already in print. The children’s musical was nearing completion, and plans were coming together for youth activities, workshops, and smaller ensembles.



But with the COVID-19 pandemic, and the uncertainty about when wide-spread vaccination would be available – and the scientific evidence regarding singing and wind instrument playing as high-risk activities for the spread of the virus – the committee recommended a significant change in plans. As of year-end 2020, the plans are to hold a “virtual Festival” in the summer of 2021, with seminars, workshops, some live-streamed and some recorded small ensemble concerts, and some participation in virtual choir and virtual band recordings. The 26th Moravian Music Festival would then be a two-year event, with the virtual Festival in 2021 and a shorter, in-person event in Bethlehem in the summer of 2022. Festival leaders have willingly embraced the plan and are working to create programming that will be appealing, informative, and provide

as much of the “Festival experience” as can be done without being in the same place at the same time – including some activities for children and youth.

Leaders in place include: John V. Sinclair, choral conductor; Allen Frank, concert band director; Jan Harke, handbell director; Don Kemmerer, trombone choir director; Rebecca Kleintop Lepore, organist and rehearsal accompanist; G. Randall Gibbs, assistant to the choral conductor; The Rev. Melissa Johnson, chaplain; Myra Jones, children’s program coordinator; Linda Wickmann, photographer; Brian Hay, public relations; Blair Flintom, facilities manager.

The Moravian Music Foundation Celebrates...with awards

A significant part of MMF’s celebrations is the presentation of awards to honor the achievements and contributions of so many talented and dedicated individuals. In 2020 MMF presented two **James V. Salzwedel Awards for Excellence in Church Music**.

We are all called to raise our hearts and our voices – and our instruments – in praise and thanksgiving to our Lord. And we all have reason to be grateful for those who have served as examples, as mentors, to us as musicians in the church. Most of us can name at least one person who has had a significant influence on our lives as Christians and musicians. The musical leaders in the Moravian Church have a rich ministry in partnership with the ordained clergy.

With that in mind, the Moravian Music Foundation Board of Trustees established a special form of recognition for those involved in Moravian music whose musical gifts are constantly used for the benefit of the congregation, and in this case, the entire Southern Province. The award was named, with his permission, after James V. Salzwedel, who has long been an example of faithful service, of commitment to musical excellence and Christian obedience.

William A. (Bill) Hall

You have been a choral director for 39 years, serving Rural Hall Methodist, Rural Hall Church of Christ, Central Terrace Methodist, Madison Methodist, Bethania, Mayodan, and Fairview Moravian, and the Great Sabbath Chorus. You have sung, including serving as soloist, with the Moramus Chorale, Great Sabbath Chorus, Calvary Moravian, King Moravian, and Maple Springs United Methodist Churches. You have served as substitute director and bass soloist at King for many years, and you also served on the Board of Trustees. You continue to be a wise and caring leader, possessed of a delightful dry humor. You show a great commitment to Moravian music and a passion for singing. Yet your greatest drive is serving your Savior, Jesus Christ, with the gifts you have been given. You are a model director, soloist, and choral singer, always giving your best to the glory of God.

For your dedicated service; your joyful sharing of the gift of music in and beyond worship; and your contribution to the preservation, sharing, and celebration of Moravian musical culture; 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

Winston-Salem, North Carolina, February 16, 2020

G. Randall Gibbs

President of the Foundation



Aola R. Knouse

Director of the Foundation



The second Salzwedel Award was presented not during worship, but in the home of the recipient (since in-person worship was cancelled due to the pandemic). Director Knouse traveled to Mrs. Sizemore's home in Mebane, NC, to present the award on a Sunday afternoon in August; everyone was duly masked and distanced up until the final picture was taken (from more than 6 feet away!).



Elaine Sizemore

Your musical presence at Moravia began as you traveled with Mrs. Helen Persons from Kernersville to choir practice as a youth, while the Rev. Clayton Persons was serving both congregations. You were born into a musical family, and your parents encouraged your early musical endeavors. At age 14 you began playing Moravia's upright organ. You also have continued to play the trumpet that your father bought for you in your childhood, as you lead the band for Moravia's Easter dawn service.

You have played the organ for most of the 71 years since you first learned to play. Your husband Tom's Highway Patrol assignment resulted in a move to Efland, but you both continued as members, and after a few years you returned to your role as church organist (when you weren't playing, you were singing in the choir anyway!). Through all these years you and Tom have made the sixty-mile drive at least twice a week, as you have also played for many special services. You have consistently brought quality music to the congregation as well as a spirit of love and encouragement - and remembering birthdays. Your family musical tradition continues in the activities of your children, grandchildren, and brother and sister-in-law.

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JAMES V. SALZWEDEL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CHURCH MUSIC

Efland, North Carolina, August 16, 2020

G. Randall Gibbs

President of the Foundation



Aola R. Knouse

Director of the Foundation

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- ❖ **Board of Trustees Meetings:** The COVID-19 pandemic produced challenges to the Foundation's ordinary ways of doing business. Initial plans were for the spring Board of Trustees meeting to be held in Bethlehem, March 27-28; when it became apparent that traveling and meeting together would not be safe, the first thought was to have a Zoom board meeting; after further discussion among the Executive Committee, the spring meeting was cancelled, and votes were taken by email on a few items that the Executive Committee deemed should not wait until the fall meeting.

The fall meeting of the Board was held via Zoom. Several board committees had met during the weeks leading up to the fall meeting, so that board business could be conducted efficiently. The board met on Thursday evening, September 24, and completed its business on Saturday morning, September 26, allowing a day in between to recover from “Zoom fatigue”.

The Board of Trustees also held two additional Zoom meetings during the fall. The first, on the evening of October 29, was for the purpose of discussing the 2021/2022 Moravian Music Festival and inviting board members to participate (by registering, encouraging others to register, volunteering to host online gatherings, sponsoring concerts or events, etc....). A second meeting, held Thursday evening, November 7 and Saturday morning, November 9, was a “Zoom retreat” to review staffing and succession plans for the Foundation. The Board of Trustees sees the need to formulate a strategic plan to help guide our work over the coming years.

- ❖ The Foundation applied for, and received, funding from the **Paycheck Protection Program** run by the Small Business Administration. This strengthened our financial position for the current year. At year-end the staff had filed an application for forgiveness of the loan.

- ❖ **Staff development:**

- Business Manager Erik Salzwedel graduated from the Leadership Winston-Salem program in June of 2020. From the program’s website: *Leadership Winston-Salem’s Flagship Program is designed to ignite community leaders with a mission of educating, connecting and energizing leaders to serve and improve the community. Likened to a “community MBA,” participants benefit through active engagement, attending one Program Day each month and working in Action Learning teams to address an actual dilemma faced by a local agency.*

The program challenges participants to increase their personal and collective capacity to transform the community through civic engagement, servant leadership and building social capital. Components include informative sessions with community leaders; experiential group activities; relationship building/networking opportunities; opportunities for honoring all aspects of diversity; Action Learning Projects addressing community needs; and an emphasis on servant leadership.

Since 1984, Leadership Winston-Salem continues to provide life-changing experiences, including unparalleled networking opportunities and a learning environment comprised of participants who want to make a positive impact in the community.

- Executive Assistant and Program Associate Sarah Durham participated in the Women’s Emerging Leaders program, jointly sponsored by HandsOn Northwest North Carolina and Wake Forest University’s Pro Humanitate Institute. From the program’s website:

*Recognizing the importance and need for developing leadership among women who comprise the majority of the nonprofit work force, the **Women’s Emerging Leaders (WEL) program** was created to help prepare, strengthen and support women for future leadership roles. WEL is a ten month program consisting of two components: an intensive **Leadership Essentials for Women workshop** and enrollment in the **Nonprofit Essentials Program**, a series of skill building classes.*

- ❖ Nola Knouse is currently writing *Preserving, Sharing, Celebrating: A History of the Moravian Music Foundation*. Designed to cover the Foundation’s first 65 years (through early May of 2021), the book is outlined with separate chapters for the tenure of each Director, along with a number of appendices to include the 1956 and 2021 bylaws; a list of all members of the Board of Trustees and their years of service; biographies of senior staff and others who played a crucial role in the Foundation’s history; a listing of Moravian Music Festivals with locations, committee chairs, and conductors; a snapshot of annual financial reporting, a record of awards presented by the Foundation; recordings and publications issued by MMF; and a timeline of MMF’s history.

MMF Board of Trustees

The Moravian Music Foundation is blessed with a Board of Trustees filled with passionately dedicated people with varying gifts and interests and a shared commitment to the Foundation's mission.

At the end of 2020, one board member rotated off of the Board of Trustees. Hubert Fort had served as chair of the Accessibility Committee, and guided the Foundation through several important initiatives. Hubert is a member of the Raleigh Moravian Church, and we are grateful for his service!

Hubert conducting at the February 15 BandFest



The Board of Trustees welcomed three new members in 2020:



Kathy Barnes is Treasurer/Church Administrator at Home Moravian Church. A lifelong Moravian, she studied business and accounting at Salem College and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

anthropology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

David Piner is retired President /CEO of Arbor Acres United Methodist Retirement Community in Winston-Salem, NC. A member of Home Moravian Church, David holds the BA in sociology and anthropology from Washington and Lee, and the MA in



The Rev. Dr. C. Riddick Weber is Associate Professor of Pastoral Ministry at Moravian Theological Seminary. He holds the bachelor's degree in economics and history from the University of North Carolina, the Master of Divinity from Duke Divinity School, and the Ph.D. in religious studies from the University of Virginia.



Welcome to these gifted individuals! Each brings a variety of experiences and insights which will help guide the Moravian Music Foundation for years to come.

Development Activities

The **Endowment and Donors Committee** met in monthly conference calls throughout 2020, under the able leadership of committee chair Dave Wickmann. Some of the highlights of their work include:

The MMF **Endowment Fund** continues to grow through donations and bequests. *Please consider adding MMF to your estate planning! Gifts to the endowment strengthen the Foundation's position for many years of continued service.*

- ❖ **"Start 2020 with \$20" mail campaign:** This was an attractive postcard sent to encourage donors to remember the Foundation at the first of the year. The reverse side, in addition to the recipient's name and address, included the Foundation's website address for easy online giving and a QR code which could be scanned by a smartphone for quick and easy gifts.
- ❖ **Annual Friends Campaign** was surprisingly successful in 2020; it appears that our donors recognized the need for financial support and stepped up to the plate for us!
- ❖ **Sales of items:** the Board of Trustees encouraged the staff to find and stock gift items for music lovers who weren't themselves musicians. Two board members funded the purchase of Moravian Music Foundation *face masks*, which were then sent as a premium to donors of \$100 or more, and also sold on the website. In addition, the Foundation now sells *men's neckties* with the horn logo woven into a maroon background. We are investigating other items and welcome suggestions!



Calendar of Events

Not all of these events were sponsored by the Moravian Music Foundation, but this is a snapshot of some of the Moravian-related concerts and events we're aware of. The year promised to be filled with a variety of live events, but most had to be postponed, cancelled, or re-imagined due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This calendar lists the events that were held before the mid-March shut-down.

- Jan 9** **Lunchtime Lecture Series – A Timeline of Moravian Music, Nola R. Knouse, lecturer.**
- Jan 19** **A Martin Luther King Day Celebration,** Jarae Payton, soprano, and Myron Brown, pianist; St. Philips Moravian Church, Winston-Salem, NC.
- Feb 4** **Salem Band Winter Concert,** Hanes Auditorium, Elbertson Fine Arts Center, Salem College. Featuring flute soloist Dr. Laura Dangerfield Stevens (UNC Professor of Flute, Salem College alumna)
- Feb 7 - 9** **Moravian Songwriters Weekend at Laurel Ridge;** a gathering for brainstorming, talking, sharing ideas, getting feedback, reflecting, and writing, time to be with others trying to find just the right word, craft a beautiful melody, or devise rich harmonies. Sacred songs, hymns, anthems, solos, etc.
- Feb 13** **Lunchtime Lecture Series - “From Russia with Love (of sacred choral music)”** Dave Blum, Research Librarian of the Moravian Music Foundation, lecturer.
- Feb 15** **BANDFEST A Moravian Chorale Band Event, a day of music and fellowship.** 9:00am – 4:00pm at Friedland Moravian Church, Winston-Salem, NC. **Leaders: Hubert Fort,** Raleigh Moravian Church; **David Teague,** New Philadelphia Moravian; **Van Krause,** Advent-Hopewell Moravian Band; **Robbie Alphin,** Friedland Moravian Church
- Feb 18** **Lecture on the Lititz Moravian Collegium Musicum;** Dr. Jeff Gemmell, lecturer. Moravian Archives, Bethlehem, PA
- Feb 23** **Chamber Music in the Chapel presents Domenic Salerni, violin,** Chapel, Central Moravian Church, Bethlehem, PA.
- Mar 8** **The Vivaldi Project Trio** performing Moravian and non-Moravian music by Antes, Klausek, J.C. Bach, Beethoven; Gray Auditorium, Old Salem Visitors Center, Winston-Salem, NC.
- Mar 8** **History You Can Hear! Concert by the Lititz Moravian Collegium Musicum** in Lititz Fellowship Hall. Dr. Jeffrey Gemmell, Director of Music Ministries.
- March 13-15 2020,**
Music on the Mountain, a Moravian Music Weekend at Laurel Ridge Moravian Camp, Conference, and Retreat Center, Laurel Springs, NC.



Jeff Gemmell lecturing

Volunteers to the Moravian Music Foundation in 2020

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!

Volunteers to MMF serve as *board members*, as *office assistants*, as *hosts and hostesses for events*, as *performers*, as *cooks and caterers*, as *library assistants*, as *researchers*, as *typists for programs* ... you get the idea! If you'd like to share your time and abilities with us (whatever they may be), please contact either office, and we'll find a "home" for you!

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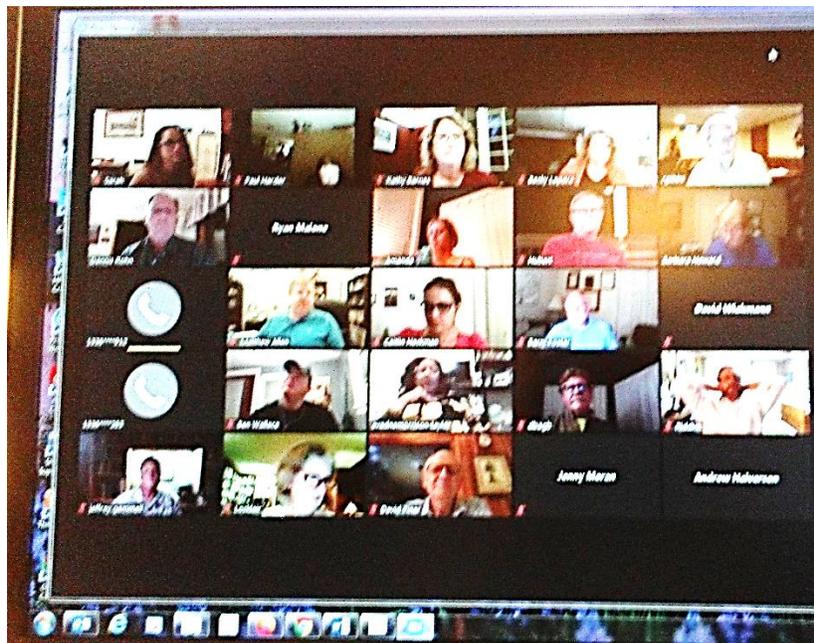
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Staff meeting via Zoom – although most of us were in our offices, we maintained our distance to meet!



Fall 2020 Board of Trustees meeting via zoom-workable, but not nearly as much fun as face to face!

Donors to the Moravian Music Foundation (MMF) in 2020

Friends Fund

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Friends of MMF support the work and mission of the Foundation, according to the annual budget, as approved by the Board of Trustees. All projects and activities are mission-focused, and all gifts to the Moravian Music Foundation Inc. are tax-deductible.

We encourage a wide range of giving, and deeply appreciate any and every gift, no matter the size! Many corporations match gifts of their employees to the Moravian Music Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation – please ask your human resources department about this opportunity to double your gift!

Thank you for investing in the Foundation's mission!

We received a number of gifts in January of 2021 that may have been intended for our 2020 Friends Fund. If these gifts were postmarked after December 31, 2020, they will be included in the 2021 donor listing.

We thank these Moravian entities for their annual support!

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