



TRINITY NEWS

For Family & Friends of Trinity Moravian Church

Summer 2023

From the Pastor:

Quite A Jubilee!

This year has brought many blessings to our congregation. We've had a number of new members, including some fine young folks who chose to either confirm their faith or be baptized. We have been able to stay in the black financially in a time when some churches are struggling.

Our venture in faith, the Debt Jubilee Project, has touched a nerve in our community and our nation. After our "debt burning" ceremony in April, the report went viral all over the country, and indeed the world. We've been mentioned on nationally syndicated radio programs and featured on CNN, MSNBC, *The New Yorker*, and international news sources such as *La Croix* in France and *The Independent* in the UK!

We've been able to help about 40 other congregations start their own campaigns in different areas. The Board of World Mission, teaming with other Moravian agencies, took our challenge and is seeking to raise \$50,000 in 50 days to pay down medical debts in Ahuas, Honduras, and in other areas in the US where there are Moravian congregations.

In changing and challenging times, we find that God is blessing those who follow the call of Jesus for justice and love!

- Pastor John



Our Debt Jubilee Project has gone national! If you hadn't heard, the Jubilee "went viral" in April on social media — TikTok, Twitter, and Reddit. The church phoen started to ring off the hook, and emails poured in from all over the country. The Jubilee was featured on "The Glenn Beck Program" and then on CNN and MSNBC and an NPR program. Then the calls came from international papers. *La Croix*, the Catholic newspaper in Paris, sent a reporter over to interview Pastor John. The German news service, *Der Welt*, wants to send a crew to the next debt burning celebration! Unheard of for a relatively small church serving a diverse neighborhood. Paul Walker on the Medium.com blog *Backyard Church* wrote,

There are loads of evangelical megachurches in NC...but Trinity Moravian isn't one of them. Yet, this modest-sized Christian community has punched way above its weight.

One of Pastor John's favorite emails was from a lady in California:

Joel Osteen might have a plane and a mansion, but you are the real MEGA church.

You can read more about the many comments and see links to articles at debtjubileeproject.org.

To date, we have helped about 40 other congregations start their own campaign in their region. Plus, the Board of World Mission, the Moravian Ministries Foundation, the IBOC, and the Commission on Congregational Development came together to raise \$50,000 in 50 days in a partner project modeled on our projects. 25% of that project will pay off medical debts at the Ahuas Clinic in Honduras, and the other 75% will be used to buy medical debts in areas where there is a Moravian Church but no local project.

Our latest campaign raised over \$15,000, and included help from Knollwood Baptist Church, the Winston-Salem Friends Meeting, Fries Memorial and Unity Moravian Churches. We don't yet know how much debt we will be able to buy; but we'll know soon and we will hold a special debt burning celebration on the church lawn on Sunday, August 6th at 3:00 pm. Partner churches will attend, and we hope to have a huge band! ***Be sure to save that date and join us!***

We affirm that all people, regardless of race, culture, country of origin, gender, orientation, or ability, are welcome and beloved in God's Kingdom and in our congregation.



worship and are both pretty used to waiting at church while mom practices! Sara began worshipping with us virtually during COVID. They join by letter of transfer from Oak Grove Moravian Church.



Confirmation & New Members!

Four fine young people publicly proclaimed their faith either through the rite of confirmation or baptism on Sunday, May 21st during the 11 am service. They were then able to participate fully in Holy Communion during the Pentecost service.

Rite of Confirmation:

- ♦ Ann Workman
- ♦ Keelan Patrick Cline
- ♦ William P. Dotson

Rite of Baptism:

- ♦ Jhon Mendoza
- ♦ Zoe Stover

We hope you will all go out of your way to support and encourage these young people in the faith. Each received a certificate, a special verse, and a personalized Bible.

We also officially welcomed several new members recently, all of whom have already been very active in our church life.

Don & Lou Motsinger have been worshipping with us regularly for a while, and have many connections to Trinity. They joined by letter of transfer from New Philadelphia Moravian Church.

Lyssa Troemel is a student at UNCSA who has been worshipping with us since she moved to the area. She is studying Animatronics and is a member of the Puppeteers of America and has a degree in theatre from Indiana University—Perdue. She has volunteered many hours with the Trinity Puppet Team and has really enhanced that program. Lyssa lives in the Sunnyside neighborhood.

Michael and Sara Mecum Wood have been very active since Sara became our organist! This talented musical family plays more instruments than you can shake a stick at—and they do indeed shake sticks at the marimba and hammered dulcimer! Michael has published many books of guitar arrangements, and Sara also works as a music engraver for C. Alan Publications. Their children, Jamie and Eliza are often in

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SCOUTING NEWS

The Scouts dedicated new camping platforms at Raven Knob this month and dedicated them to the memory of long-time scoutmaster of Troop 716, Earl Shelton. A plaque was placed in his honor.



"Bandsmen" Print

BSA Troop 716 has been gifted a framed and matted print of the Bandsmen. It is a beautiful print and our very own John Danny Myers is one of the bandsmen. We are offering this print to anyone who makes a very nice donation to our Scout Troop. Please call Scoutmaster Bruce if you wish to own this print or want to donate it to Trinity Moravian's walls. Your donation will help make repairs to the Scout Hut and support camping trips during the year.

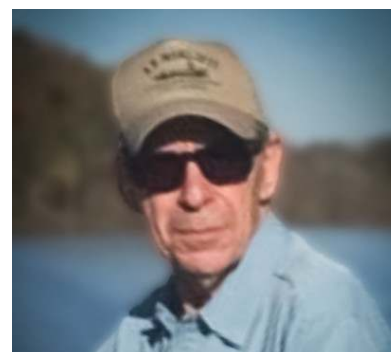


TRINITY ANNIVERSARY

This year marks Trinity's 111th anniversary! We will have a special celebration service on Sunday, July 16th at 11 am which will include music from cellist Jennifer Alexandra Johnston.

The service will be followed with a potluck luncheon. The Women's Fellowship is supplying the meats; please bring a side dish or one of the wonderful desserts our potlucks are so famous for!

During the luncheon, we will have a wonderful program presented by the Archives Committee with historic photos from the years of ministry on the corner of Sunnyside and Sprague—and the many unique people who made that ministry a reality!



Ronald Robertson

We were saddened by the quite unexpected death of very active board member Ronald Robertson. Ron passed into the more immediate presence of the Savior on May 19. He was serving in his second term on the Church Board, and was an active usher. Ron had recently retired from Corning Glass Fibre Optics. He was an animal lover and a lover of nature, often outdoors. Ron has been a faithful and active member, and he will be sorely missed in our fellowship. The Church Board is currently considering appointments for a member to serve out his term.

One of Ron's last contributions as a board member was to evaluate and recommend the new water coolers we have recently installed. They were delivered the same week as his funeral.



New Water Coolers Installed

We have begun to replace the old water fountains (which were taken out of service during COVID) with new, more sanitary water dispensers. The second floor (near the parlor and choir room) has filtration and cooled water. A new unit (pictured above) has been installed in a previously unused space at the entrance to the Reich Fellowship Hall. This operates off of bottled water. Both units can also deliver hot water, but we are leaving that switched off normally to save electricity. We hope to place these on all floors.

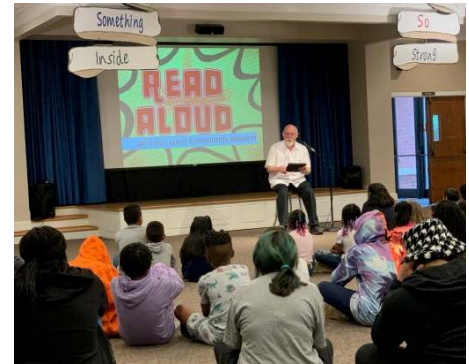
LOGOS Get-Together

We will hold a LOGOS Get-Together on Wednesday, August 16, starting at 5:30 pm. Recent grads will be invited, as well as neighborhood children who have attended Freedom School. We'll start with hot dogs on the lawn, have some games, learn about puppets, sing some songs together, and have an altogether good time.

LOGOS attendees are encouraged to invite a friend who might enjoy the program. Regular LOGOS meetings begin in mid-September.



LOGOS Choir rehearses in the sanctuary led by Raine Myers.



Pastor John reads to the Freedom School Scholars

Sunnyside Freedom School is under way with 60 children from the neighborhood ranging from 1st-12th grades. The program, designed by the Children's Defense Fund, is organized locally by Anthony's Plot. Scholars have a variety of experiences in science, technology, and math, but the major emphasis is on reading and life skills. Nutritious meals and exciting field trips rounds out the summer program, which makes a huge difference in preparing children for the next grade without the normal summer "learning loss."



WEBCASTERS NEEDED!

Did you know that our Sunday webcast is viewed by about the same number as attend in person? Post-COVID, our webcast is more important than ever before. If you are interested in technology and would like to learn to run the projection slides or the actual webcast switcher, please speak to Pastor John. We need at least two more people for our rotation. Trinity has one of the best service webcasts in the Province, with new HD cameras with full remote control and computer-based switching and effects.



**Sunday,
August 20th
3 PM - 5 PM
Olivet**

Moravian Church

**2205 Olivet Church Rd,
Winston-Salem, NC 27106**

All Children Welcome!



From Caleb Carter

Dear Trinity Family,

I'm sending you this brief note to inform you of my safe arrival in Birmingham, AL. We were fortunate enough to find an apartment that was affordable, clean, and mostly updated. That is a rare occurrence in this area. My new job is going well so far and summer classes have already begun. I'm taking Advanced Greek Readings and a Directed Study on American Pentecostalism with three other students. We are exploring its impact on present-day Evangelicalism and political movements. This is incredibly interesting stuff; if any of you would be interested in hearing about our final paper/project, let me know and we can set up a Zoom for the end of summer!

I'll begin serving as Student Pastor of The Abbey at the beginning of the fall semester. They are a non-traditional congregation affiliated with the Episcopal Church. The members are very interested in learning more about Moravian traditions and how we can best live into our full communion partnership during my time with them. I'm very thankful to have landed with a group of people as welcoming, as loving, as flexible, and as supportive as you all.

The congregation worships in the basement of another church that is located right beside public housing development. The neighborhood has about 200 children! I'm currently working with Beth Hayes, Mallie Graham, Lynn Waggoner, and Heather Stevenson (some of you call them my crew) on a revised version of our Moravian Children's Festival for these kids and their families. This will be a great way to do something fun for the community and expose people to our tradition.

I'm also very excited to announce that Southside Baptist Church in Birmingham will be launching a campaign with RIP Medical Debt! I have several friends connected to the church and they were amazed at what we accomplished with our two campaigns. I have been asked to meet with their Missions Committee this summer and walk them through the process so they can begin helping families here in Jefferson County.

Those are all the updates for now. Please know that you are in my prayers daily and that you continue to bless my life from afar.

In Christ, **Caleb Carter**



New chandeliers grace the vestibules

Vestibule Redecoration

You may have noticed the new chandeliers in the entry vestibules to the sanctuary. These are part of a project to completely redecorate our entryways, including the exterior doors. This is the first impression that visitors have of the church, and the wear and tear of years has left a mark. Cynthia Tesh has brought her decorating experience to the plan; Bruce Sherman used his electrical skills to install the chandeliers; and Mary Bergstone has been investigating refinishing or replacement of the doors. And yes, we will probably put red ruffles on the candles for Christmas!



Band plays in old fellowship hall

Archives Committee

The Archives Committee has been meeting on Tuesday afternoons to organize and digitize the huge quantity of photos and documents that are in our collection. If you would like to learn how to scan and digitize and organize our century of ministry, check with Debbie Jackman. This effort will preserve many historic photos which are in danger of deterioration.



2023 Graduates Honored: Abigail Jackman, Finn Harris, Grayson Riggins, Reagan Spiegel. Each received a personalized throw blanket and a used Lovefeast mug!

For Your Calendar

July 2	11 am	John Hus Communion
July 16	11 am	Anniversary Service
	Noon	Potluck Lunch Bring side dishes & desserts!
Aug 6	3 pm	Debt Jubilee Celebration
Aug 13	11 am	Moravian Renewal Communion
Aug 16	5:30 pm	LOGOS Get-Together!

Check out other dates on our online calendar
at www.trinitymoravian.org
Latest info on Debt Jubilee Project at
Debtjubileeproject.org

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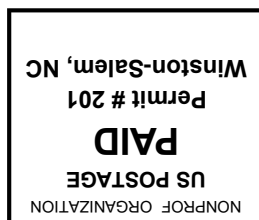
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