

# Bethania Moravian Gazette

*Special Edition!*

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**Watchword for the Week of September 19, 2021:**

*Jesus said, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all, and servant of all." Mark 9:35*

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## News of the Church....



Over a period of time the Joint Board of Bethania Moravian has been engaged in finding pastoral leadership for our congregation. We appreciate your prayers and support for us during this time. We are also grateful for the service of our interim pastor, Judy Knopf who has been with us for nearly 2 ½ years.

We are pleased to announce that, at the Joint Boards' request the Provincial Elders' Conference has extended a call to Rev. Joe Moore to serve as our pastor at ¾ time. This call has been accepted by Joe.

### Bio of Joseph L. Moore

Joe is 51 years old. He was born in Winston-Salem, NC and is a son of the Ardmore Moravian Congregation. He is a graduate of UNC Charlotte with a BA in Religious Studies. As a teenager Joe felt called to ministry and he became a candidate for ordination in the Moravian Church in America, Southern Province. While attending Moravian Theological Seminary, Joe met his future spouse, Kelly Huckle who was also studying for ministry. They got married after their second year of Seminary and both graduated with MDIV degrees in 1998. He was ordained a deacon on June 14, 1998. He was consecrated a presbyter May 16, 2004. Together, Joe and Kelly served as co-pastors in the following congregations: Palmyra, Mayodan, First Moravian (GA) and Fries Memorial. While serving at First Moravian they became the proud parents of their son, Zachary. During Joe's time at Fries he also served as the part time Assistant to the President of the Provincial Elders' Conference. While Kelly has been on loan to the ELCA church serving at Holy Cross Lutheran in Mocksville, Joe went on to serve New Philadelphia Moravian as their Associate Pastor and just recently completed an interim ministry at Unity Moravian.

Joe has also been active in the camping ministry of Laurel Ridge, serving as a counselor, chaplain, and dean for many years at both Senior High and Middle High Camp. He also has a great love for mission work. He served on the Board of World Mission for nine years with six of those years serving as Chairperson. Outside of church, Joe is an avid reader, a diehard Wake Forest fan (and his 49ers of Charlotte) and enjoys spending time with his family.

Joe will begin his service at Bethania on October 4<sup>th</sup> and will be installed as pastor on Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **Black Walnut Festival, 10 AM to 4 PM, Saturday, September 18**

We are gearing up to participate in the Black Walnut Festival!!!

"This year's Black Walnut Festival is scheduled for Saturday, September 18 from 10 AM - 4PM, at the visitors center in historic Bethania. We're excited to host this fun community event again and look forward to seeing y'all there! If anyone is interested in volunteering for the day, there are plenty of ways to serve. Please contact Beth Spieler if you're available or have any questions. " -Beth

Parking for the festival will be at Bethania Moravian Church. A shuttle will be provided from our parking lot to the Visitor Center and back again.

## **Ordination of Reed Lawson, 3 PM, October 3**

The service of ordination for Reed Lawson will be 3 PM, Sunday, October 3 at Bethania. A reception will follow the service in Bethania's Fellowship Hall. Everyone is asked to keep a safe distance from one another, wear a mask in the sanctuary, and also in the fellowship hall (when you are not eating). There will not be congregational singing. We will have a cantor. Please pray for Reed, Elizabeth, Emmett, Virginia, Lilah; and, the Bethania and Christ Moravian congregations during these weeks of transition and new beginnings. Reed will be installed at Christ Moravian Church at 11 am, Sunday, October 10.

## **The Upcoming Joyful Noise Offering, September 26**

Our September Joyful Noise Offering will go to the Forsyth Backpack Program. Its mission is "to provide nutritious food in backpacks on weekends and holidays to local school children who have been identified by school personnel as being in need of food." So bring your pennies and loose change, your dollar bills, and a smile. We are the fortunate who are able to give. For more information, go to [www.forsythbackpackprogram.org](http://www.forsythbackpackprogram.org).

## **Worldwide Communion Sunday, 10:30 am, October 3**

World Wide Communion Sunday is just a little bit over a decade shy of being one hundred years old! It grew out of a Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, Maryland in 1933 and spread to churches throughout the world. It is a reminder of the faith we hold in common in Jesus Christ. Every year on the first Sunday of October, folks from different cultures, tribes, and tongues all surround Christ's table. As Ephesians 4:5 Paul encourages us, saying, "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all." As we partake, let us remember how spiritually interdependent we truly are as a congregation. The Spirit of God who knits and joins us also interconnects us with other faithful Christians throughout the world, in our coming and going through the church doors and in differences and in our similarities. -Judy

## **Worship Attendance Totals (Virtual folks who remain with each full livestream)**

<b>August 22</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>( 43 in person) (23 virtual)</b>
<b>August 29</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>( 37 in person) (live-streaming was inoperable on this day)</b>