

## *Welcome to Reverend Joe Moore, Called to Bethania*

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 and will be installed as pastor on Sunday, October 10.