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Who are we? What do we believe?

Unitas Fratrum is the ancient name by which the Moravian Church was first known. It is a Latin phrase meaning, “Unity of the Brethren.” Worldwide, it is still our official name. We are called Moravians because the church got its start in Moravia and Bohemia.

The History of the Moravian Church is usually divided into the time of the Ancient Unity, and to the time of the Renewed Church.

The Ancient Unity sprang to life in Moravia and Bohemia in the mid-15th Century after the martyrdom of John Hus. Hus was a Catholic Priest and the Dean of the Chapel at the University of Prague. He was immensely popular because he preached the simple Gospel of Christ in the language of the people. Unfortunately, when Hus began to speak out against the immorality of the clergy and other inconsistencies in the Church of his day, he made enemies in high places. Charged as a heretic and condemned by the Council of Constance, Hus was burned at the stake on July 6th, 1415. It is often said that the Moravian Church “grew-up out of the ashes of Hus.” The church was officially founded in 1457. The Ancient Brethren’s Church flourished for a time, but was persecuted almost out of existence during the 100 Years’ War. As he was dying, Bishop John Amos Comenius—also known as “the Father of Modern Education,” prayed that “a hidden seed” might be preserved until an appropriate time.

The Renewed Church flourished in Germany in the third decade of the 18th century after a party of religious refugees found a safe haven on the estate of Count Nicholas Ludwig von Zinzendorf. In Herrnhut, a small village on the Count’s estate, the Renewed Church put down roots and then quickly put out branches that would ultimately reach around the world.

Moravians became leaders in the Protestant Mission movement, sending missionaries to peoples as diverse as the African slaves working on the plantations of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands and the Eskimos in Greenland.

In Germany the Moravian Church formed solid ties with the Lutheran Church. The relationship was an enduring one, and even today the Moravian Church in America has a full communion agreement with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America that provides for a mutual recognition of ministry, and an orderly exchange of clergy.

In the 18th century, much of the movement in the world was from Europe to America. It was quite natural that the Moravians would follow suit. Since the American colonies were largely under the government of Great Britain, Zinzendorf sought to establish ties with the Church of England. In 1749 the British Parliament declared the Moravian Church to be *“an Ancient Protestant Episcopal Church, most similar in doctrine to our own.”*

In coming to the New World, the Moravians first traveled to Georgia where they made initial contact with John Wesley, the founder of Methodism. Wesley was greatly influenced by the Moravian understanding of faith. Today, Moravians and Methodists still have much in common. From Georgia the Moravians went to Bethlehem and other settlements in Pennsylvania. The Georgia settlement was short lived, but Moravians thrived in Penn’s Woods. Today Bethlehem is the home of Moravian College and Moravian Theological Seminary.

In 1753 Moravians traveled south into North Carolina. Bethabara, meaning “house of passage,” was the first settlement in our state. In 1756 Bethania was established, and then, in 1766, Salem. A visit to Bethabara Park, Bethania, or Old Salem is a great way to learn about Moravian history. It is a wonderful window into early American life. Visit Old Salem on the World Wide Web at www.oldsalem.com. Historic Bethabara Park can be found at:

www.bethabarapark.org

The desire to spread the Good News about Jesus Christ carried the Moravian Church literally around the world. Today there are over eight hundred thousand Moravians in more than a dozen countries including Canada, the Czech Republic, Jamaica, Germany, Guyana, Honduras, Nicaragua, South Africa, Surinam, Tanzania, the United Kingdom and the United States.

For more details check-out:

www.newphilly.org/shistory/

Moravian Firsts

- The Moravian Church is the oldest Protestant Church.
- Moravians published the first Protestant Hymnal.
- Moravians were the first to translate the Bible from the original Hebrew and Greek into the language of the people.
- Bishop John Amos Comenius (1592-1670) is known as “the father of Modern Education,” and Moravians led the way in the education of children of both sexes.
- For many years the Renewed Church was the standard bearer of the Protestant Mission Movement. Though all our provinces around the world are now home provinces, Moravians in America still support Christian mission of all kinds at home and aboard.
- Count Zinzendorf has been called “the Ecumenical Pioneer.”

Since the time of Zinzendorf Moravians have sought the Christian Unity for which Jesus asked in John 17, when he prayed, “May they all be one.” Though decidedly evangelical in spirit, the Moravian Church is a broad church in its desire to include all Christians in its circle of brothers and sisters.

The Moravian Church is small in comparison to some denominations, but in one sense, it may be viewed as the small hub in the center of the large wheel that is Protestant Christianity. Moravians tend to be closer to almost every other denomination than virtually any other denomination. Our ties are not just with other Protestants. Moravians are indebted to the Greek Orthodox Church whose missionaries Cyril and Methodius first brought the gospel to our forbearers. Likewise Moravians have a fond regard for the rich history of the Roman Catholic tradition.

The character of the Moravian Church is expressed in its seal and its motto: The seal portrays a Lamb with a banner of victory and proclaims, "*Vicit Agnus Noster Eum Sequamur*," which means, "Our Lamb Has Conquered, Let Us Follow Him."

The motto, beloved by many, confidently states:

*In Essentials, Unity;
In Non-Essentials, Liberty;
In All Things, Love.*

Moravian Doctrine

Our official Moravian statement of doctrine, "The Ground of the Unity", can be found on-line at:

www.newphilly.org/ground/

Moravians have long argued for the simplicity of the Christian faith, albeit a simplicity that is found on the far side of complexity.

Luke of Prague, a premier theologian of the Ancient Unity, taught that the one essential (see motto above) was "*a heart relationship with the Triune God that issues in faith, hope and love.*"

Count Zinzendorf said that all essential Christian doctrine could be written down on one large sheet of paper.

Moravians, like most Trinitarian Churches, are almost universally agreed on the following "*Eight Essentials*," which date to lists composed by two 19th-century Moravian Synods.

1. The Universality of sin and humankind's inability to save itself from sin's power.
2. The Love of God the Father for the world.
3. The Two Natures of Christ, Human and Divine.
4. The At-One-Ment between God and Man that God accomplishes through Christ and his cross.
5. The gracious operation of the Holy Spirit in enabling us to believe in Christ and come to him.
6. The Fruit of the Holy Spirit evident in the life of all believers.
7. The Fellowship of all believers with one another.
8. The Second Advent of the Lord in Glory. Though usually associated with apocalyptic imagery, this confession simply means that the Christ who appeared for the first time on the plane of human history in humility and hidden-ness, visible only to the eyes of faith, must, of necessity, appear a second time, visible to faith and unbelief alike. This is a mystery, but one we hold dear.

It is interesting how closely this list of essentials parallels the actual content of the Apostolic Proclamation of the Gospel recorded in the New Testament!

Moravian Sacraments, Customs & Practices

Baptism

Moravians recognize baptism in all forms. We receive our children into the church through Infant Baptism. Customarily the method of sprinkling or pouring is used.

Baptized children are admitted to the Lord's Table after they have demonstrated appropriate interest, and completed a period of instruction by one of the pastors. If you have a baptized child who wishes to take the Holy Communion, please contact us. In the ritual of Confirmation children who were baptized on the basis of the faith of their parents and of the church are received into full membership by the laying on of hands after a period of instruction.

Adults who wish to become members of the Moravian church are received by Adult Baptism, by Reaffirmation of Faith, or by Letter of Transfer from their former churches, whichever is most appropriate.

A statement about baptism approved by both provinces of the Moravian Church in America can be found on-line here:

www.newphilly.org/baptism/

The Holy Communion

Holy Communion is celebrated throughout the church year. It is always received in the un-gloved right hand. All Christians are invited to participate, whether Protestants or Catholics. While the elements are being distributed, the congregation joins in singing hymns appropriate to the occasion, and then all partake together. Unlike some churches, Moravians do not attempt to define how Christ is present in the Holy Communion; we simply trust that He is with us, the unseen host at the table who grants us the forgiveness of sins and the grace to go forward with God in this world and the next.

The Lovefeast

The Moravian Church is one of the very few churches which have a service dedicated to the greatest of virtues, Christian Love. It is called a Lovefeast, after the practice of the Apostolic Church which often preceded the Lord's Supper with a common meal partaken in love and fellowship. Though not considered a sacrament, Lovefeasts regularly take place at Christmas, Easter, and Thanksgiving. Christmas Lovefeasts at New Philadelphia draw thousands of

visitors each year. As a part of the service we partake of a special Lovefeast bun and coffee laced with cream and sugar. The highlight of the evening takes place when lighted candles are distributed to every member of the congregation.

The Daily Text

The Moravian Church was a pioneer in the field of daily devotional literature. The Moravian Daily Texts is a book of scriptures, hymn stanzas, and a prayer for each day. It is used by millions of Christians of all persuasions living around the world. The Moravian Daily Texts is published annually and is available through the Church Office. It is also available by email from: www.moravian.org/daily_texts/.

Our Local Congregation

New Philadelphia Moravian Church was established on July 25th, 1846 to serve the New Philadelphia Community, hence our name. The community itself is gone, long ago swallowed up by Winston- Salem; but the church remains. Today New Philadelphia is a large regional church serving western Winston-Salem, Clemmons, Lewisville and beyond. Several of our members come weekly from Kernersville, Greensboro, Mt. Airy, Advance, etc. Our aim is to have a quality, large church program that can meet the needs of individuals and families regardless of their age or station in life. We take pride that, though we have grown in numbers, we have maintained a personal touch. Our character is summed up in our mission statement:

New Philadelphia seeks to be a caring congregation, worshipping God, and encouraging one another to seek a closer relationship with Jesus Christ, as we follow the lead of the Holy Spirit in service and in mission.

If you want to know more about our church, you will find our comprehensive web-site a favorite reference. Find it at:

www.newphilly.org

Weekly Schedule

Worship

Two Sunday morning worship services are offered at New Philadelphia, and our average attendance is more than 500. The first service starts at 9:00 a.m. and features a more traditional worship service. This is our largest service. The addition of a second service in 1999 gave our members and friends the opportunity to participate in a smaller service with fantastic potential for growth. This service starts at 11:10 a.m. Nurseries are available for both services.

Sunday School

Sunday School is offered for adults and children of all ages from 10:05 -10:55 a.m. each Sunday. Many adult Sunday School classes are offered.

Music at New Philadelphia

Visitors frequently comment upon the simplicity, dignity and beauty of the Moravian liturgical service. Moravian music is inevitably associated with the chorale form pioneered by J.S. Bach, but Moravians often add a contemporary note to anthems and hymns.

Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir leads worship each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.. and meets at 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday for practice. Mary Hege is the Organist, and Anita Cirba plays trumpet twice each month. This Choir is led by Steve Gray.

Beracah Choir

The Beracah Choir leads worship each Sunday at 11:10 a.m., and practices each Monday at 7:30 p.m. Sandra Grey is our organist.

Children's Choirs

Our Youth and Children's Choirs practice each Sunday night. They participate in Sunday worship once a month and at special services through out the year. For more information email sandra@newphilly.org.

Bells of Joy

The New Philadelphia hand bell choir is under the direction of Mrs. Donna Cartner. The Bells of Joy have played with the Winston-Salem Symphony, and are a real favorite at our church. Check the schedule, posted weekly for practice & performance times. Contact bells@newphilly.org for more information.

Band

The New Philadelphia Moravian Church Band meets weekly. Check the schedule for this week's practice. There are classes for beginning band members, and scholarships are presently available for children who wish to play an instrument. Although the Band takes a special interest in Church Festival occasions (Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Palm Sunday, Passion Week, Easter, Pentecost, 4th of July, August 13th, Church Anniversary, and Thanksgiving), the band plays a prelude for each Sunday morning worship service. During Lent and Advent, the Band plays rounds through the community and at homes of shut-ins. The Band is also committed to supporting funeral services of members within this and other Moravian congregations.

A number of New Philadelphians are accomplished musicians, and we frequently enjoy the trumpet, flute, violin, or guitar in our worship services. We invite members and friends of New Philadelphia to participate in one or both choirs. For more information contact band@newphilly.org.

Stewardship

We believe that stewardship is our total response to God's grace and gifts, not just our financial response.

We believe promoting stewardship year round helps members connect the meaning of Christian stewardship to other ministries of the congregation.

We encourage members to practice "Worship +2," by adding two other activities to regular worship, perhaps a fellowship opportunity and a mission opportunity.

Members are encouraged to find a place in our church where they grow spiritually, through Sunday school, small group ministries and other fellowship groups. And to find a place in our church or in the community where they are serving others in some way.

We invite you to join us on as we seek to become good stewards of our time, talent and treasure, If you want to learn more about our *Worship Plus Two* ministry, please contact any staff member at 765-2331. If you wish to speak to someone about your contributions, or a special gift, please contact Donna Wright donna@newphilly.org or call 336- 765-2331.

Adult Sunday School Classes

The Risen Christ instructed his followers to "make disciples of all nations." A disciple is always learning, and growing. Sunday School is a key component of that growth. There are a variety of adult classes.

Advent Class, 3rd Floor

This is a mid-sized class of middle-aged and older adults that utilizes a lecture-style format and a standard curriculum. For information concerning the class please contact Bill Sides at 766-8356.

New Friendship Class, 3rd Floor

This is a large class consisting of adults of all ages that utilizes a discussion style format, with many of the class members taking turns leading the discussion. A standard curriculum is used. The class participates in several large fundraising projects each year in addition to fellowship events. For information concerning the class please contact Jane Shore at 768-1898.

All Generations Class, Main Level

This is a medium-sized class for adults of all ages. It utilizes a discussion-style format and studies books of the Bible using standard study guides. For more information contact Ron Tedder at 946-0880.

Bona Vita Class, Main Level

This is a small class of older adults that utilizes a lecture and discussion format and a standard curriculum. The class contributes to Sunnyside Ministry and other organizations. For more information contact Sue Hughes at 768-0164.

New Beginnings, Main Level

This is a medium-sized class of middle-aged adults that utilizes a discussion-style format where many of the class members take turns leading the discussion. A standard curriculum is used. The class contributes to Sunnyside Ministry and various church projects. They now host the fall, "New Beginnings Barbecue." The class is on-line at www.thelostsheep.org. The site is definitely worth a visit, though only members are permitted to post to it. For more information contact Mark McSwain at 945-9956.

Sanctuary Class, Parlor

This is a small class of older adults that utilizes a lecture and discussion format based upon a lesson quarterly. The class contributes to Sunnyside Ministry and other organizations. For more information contact Mary Frances Sides at 765-2829.

Open Door Class, Main Level

This small class of older adults utilizes a lecture and discussion format based upon a standard curriculum. The class contributes to missionary projects and helps local organizations. For more information contact Peggy Johnson at 765-1910.

David Jones Class, 1st Floor

This is a medium-sized class of older adults that utilizes a combined lecture/discussion format and a standard curriculum with a variety of teachers. The class contributes to missionary projects and to Sunnyside Ministry and to various missionary and local charities. Projects are funded by special offerings. The class contributes funds to Mrs. Coleman, a mission widow in Nicaragua. For more information contact Betty Holcomb at 765-8400.

Discipleship Class, 1st Floor

The Discipleship Class is made up of single and married adults in their 20's and 30's. A weekly newsletter, with notes from class discussions, announcements and prayer requests is emailed to each class member. They serve a minimum of one meal each month at the Samaritan Inn. For more information contact Paul Williams at 774-1203.

Discovery Class, 1st Floor

This is a large class of young to middle-aged adults that utilizes a discussion-style format where many of the class members take turns leading the discussion. A varied curriculum is used. The class contributes to a large number of community and church programs. For information concerning the class please contact Terry Alexander at 760-3284.

New Classes

We start new classes as the demand arises. If you have an interest in a new class, and would like to be a part of a core group, please contact Paula Midkiff or another member of the Christian Education Committee. Email paula@newphilly.org.

Small Group Bible Studies

We invariably have several Bible Study Groups meeting at various times during the week. Due to the ever-changing status of our studies, please contact Paula Midkiff at 765-2331 to see what opportunities are currently available email paula@newphilly.org.

Gemeinschaft

Gemeinschaft is a spiritual formation group that meets once a week for 40 weeks. Several Gemeinschaft groups meet at New Philadelphia. For more information, contact Kay Windsor at 766- 3514.

Bible Study

We offer a variety of Bible Studies, and hope to revitalize Bethel Bible in the near future. Bethel is a comprehensive plan for studying the whole Bible in manageable sections. Please call Paula Midkiff at 765-2331 to express your interest in participating in a Bible Study or class. For more information, Email paula@newphilly.org.

Library

A variety of library books and tapes are available for anyone to check out of our church library, Room 203. Sunday School teachers will find a variety of resources there.

Children & Youth

At New Philadelphia Moravian Church we are dedicated to helping all of our youth learn to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "Let the children come unto me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the Kingdom of God." Matthew 19:14 If you have questions, please call the church office and speak with our Director of Christian Education, or email paula@newphilly.org.

Infant/Toddler Nursery

Care is provided for infants and toddlers on Sunday mornings during both services and the Sunday School hour. Professional child care workers and volunteer members of the church staff the nursery. Nursery care is also provided for other church sponsored activities as needed.

Children and Worship

Children enjoy worshiping with their families at our 9:00 and 11:10 a.m. services. Special age appropriate bulletins are available from the ushers. During worship, younger children who feel comfortable are invited forward for the Children's Message. Following the message children 4 years through kindergarten may leave for Children's Church in the library. Parents may pick up their children at the end of the worship service. Once a month during services, we offer Kids of Faith, an interactive worship service for our 1st – 5th graders.

Sunday School

Classes are available for children three years of age through 12th grade from 10:05 - 11:00 am. These classes provide children and teens the opportunity to hear God's word, learn about life in Biblical times, and learn how the Christian faith impacts life today. All first graders participating in our Sunday School are presented Bibles during a worship service in the fall. During the summer, Vacation Bible School is offered.

Children ages Kindergarten through 5th grade are involved in a rotational Sunday School Program. At the beginning of the five-week rotation, an assembly “kick-off” is offered to introduce the upcoming theme for the following five weeks. The following weeks include stations for each rotation involving art, cooking, storytelling, computers and games.

Communion Class

This class is designed for elementary students 2nd grade and older, and is taught by the pastors. It is designed to prepare young people for their first communion. Parents should look for signs that their child is ready to participate in the Lord’s Supper. One of the pastors would be happy to speak with you regarding your child’s interest. Once it is determined that they are ready, children and their parents are invited to attend the class, ordinarily offered each spring.

Confirmation Class

This class is designed for young people 6th grade or older. It is taught by the pastors, and is designed to prepare the class members to “confirm their faith,” and to take their place as responsible members of the church. It is taught each spring, and announced through the Newsletter and Bulletin.

Middle School & Sr. High Youth Groups

These Groups meet throughout the month to focus on fellowship, discipleship, worship, ministry and evangelism within the church and community. In addition to a Sunday Afternoon schedule, there are, at present, two midweek Bible Studies for Youth which are led by adult volunteers. Many of our youth attend one or both. Guests are both welcome and expected! For more information email john@newphilly.org.

The Staff

The Rev. Dr. Worth Green was ordained in 1977 and is now into his 21st year as Pastor of New Philadelphia. A graduate of Chapel Hill, a former Marine Officer, and a graduate of Asbury Theological Seminary, he holds the Th.M. New Testament from Princeton Theological Seminary, and the Doctor of Ministry in Parish Revitalization from McCormick Theological Seminary. He is married to Elayne Durham Green, and has two adult children, Jonathan Green and Edyth Beery, one granddaughter, Madison Green, and two grandsons, Worth Harrison Green and Silas Richard Beery. He thanks himself blessed that his children married well, and loves his daughter-in-law Lindsay Gainey Green and his son-in-law Jason Beery. His favorite scripture is Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." An equally important verse is 2nd Corinthians 5:17, "If anyone is in Christ (s)he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold the new has come!" pastor@newpilly.org

The Rev. Dr. David Allen Marcus, Jr. was ordained on June 23, 1996. He has served pastorates in Spartanburg, SC (Palmetto Fellowship), Wilmington, NC (Covenant Moravian) and has been Associate Pastor at New Philadelphia since October, 2000. He is a 1991 graduate of UNC-Charlotte (BA, History) and a 1996 graduate of Moravian Theological Seminary (MDIV). For eight years David served on the Provincial Board of Evangelism and Homeland Missions. He is now serving on the Provincial Stewardship Commission. David recently graduated from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, IL with a Doctor of Ministry degree. He is married to Lee who is a social worker in town. They have one son, David Allen Marcus, III. dave@newphilly.org

The Rev. John G. Rights attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology in 1992. Immediately following college, John pursued a call to ministry and attended Moravian Theological Seminary, graduating with a Master of Divinity in 1995. From August 1995 through September 1996, John served as intern pastor of Home Moravian Church in Winston-Salem. Upon ordination on October 6, 1996, John served as interim pastor of Fries Memorial Moravian Church until March, 1997, and as pastor of Mizpah Moravian Church in Rural Hall from April, 1997, until January, 2001. He served as associate

pastor of Trinity Moravian Church from February, 2001, until November of 2003 when he came to New Philadelphia. Working with youth at Laurel Ridge, throughout the Southern Province, and in other countries has been a highlight of John's ministry. John and his wife Brandi Winter Rights were married in December of 2007. john@newphilly.org

Mrs. Paula Midkiff, our Director Christian Education is a graduate of Virginia Tech with a degree in Marketing Management. Her responsibilities include Christian Education for all children through 5th grade and also for all adult classes. She also coordinates Children's Church and our New Phillies youth group. Paula is married to Craig Midkiff and has two children, Patrick and Leigh Anne. paula@newphilly.org

Mrs. Jerrie Andrews is the Director of the Preschool. Jerrie and her family have attended New Philadelphia Church for over 19 years. During that time she taught at New Philadelphia Preschool, served as the administrative assistant, and then headed the Preschool at Kingswood United Methodist. In July of 2002 Jerrie accepted the position of Preschool Director. Jerrie holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from the University of South Carolina, and is married to Tony Andrews, who is employed by AON Consulting. They have three children: Nicholas, Ellie and Alex. jerrie@newphilly.org

Mrs. Rachel Weavil, Administrative Assistant, attended Louisburg College and Forsyth Technical Community College, She is a member of Friedland Moravian and joined the New Philadelphia staff in October 2010. She and her husband, Christopher, are blessed with 2 children, Jonah and Robyn. Rachel greets you with a smile, whether it be in person or on the phone; she considers it a blessing to be at New Philadelphia and sees her job as a ministry. *"Render service with enthusiasm, as to the Lord and not to men and women, knowing that whatever good we do, we will receive the same again from the Lord."* Ephesians 6:7-8

Mrs. Donna Wright, Business Administrator, graduated from Appalachian State University with a BSBA in Marketing and Management. Her experience before working for New Philadelphia was nine years in financial accounting and office management. In December 1992, she began working as the financial administrator and later in the spring of 1994 became the Business Manager. Her responsibilities include the payment of bills, posting the contributions, and providing financial reports to the Board of Trustees. Donna is married to Hunter Wright who works for Lorillard Tobacco in Greensboro. donna@newphilly.org

Mr. Steve Gray is our Director of Music. Steve directs the Chancel Choir at the 9:00 a.m. service, and the Berakah Choir at the 11:10 a.m. service. He is responsible for the coordination of all musical activity at New Philadelphia. A graduate of Davidson College with a degree in music, Steve is a life-long Moravian with experience both in the United States and in Central America. steve@newphilly.org

Mrs. Mary Hege is the organist for our 9:00 a.m. worship service. Mary has been a member of New Philadelphia since the 1950's and has been playing the organ since 1957. She has studied with a variety of local music teachers. Mary is married to Joe Hege and has two children and two grandchildren. mary@newphilly.org

Ms. Sandra Gray is the organist for the 11:10 a.m. service. Sandra has always served through music. Her love of music was encouraged as well as influenced by a multicultural upbringing as the daughter of missionaries in Central America and Africa. Sandra doubles as director of the Children's Choir. She enjoys sharing her love for Christ and her faith in him with others through music. Sandra has three daughters, and two beautiful granddaughters! Sandra@newphilly.org

Mrs. Donna Cartner is the Director of our Bell Choir, "The Bells of Joy." The Bell Choir, like the band, has grown, adding new members and new octaves to the bells that members play. The Congregation looks forward to every performance. Needless to say, new members are always welcome to the ranks of our ringers. bells@newphilly.org

Ms. Anita Cirba is our Guest Trumpeter. Anita plays twice monthly and is often featured at special services during the year, most notably at Christmas Lovefeasts. Anita is the principal trumpet of the Winston-Salem Symphony. We are proud to have her as an instrumental soloist and as a member. Anita sometimes accepts students, and scholarship funds are available for youth and adults who are interested in playing in our band. anita@newphilly.org

Mr. Jerry Bumgardner is Facilities Manager. A member of New Philadelphia since birth, Jerry is responsible for the management of the New Philadelphia facilities. He is married to Faye Bumgardner and enjoys fishing and woodworking in his spare time. jerry@newphilly.org

Additional information about our staff, including pictures, can be found online at www.newphilly.org/staff/.

Using the Church Website: NewPhilly.Org

The web address for New Philadelphia is www.newphilly.org.

Navigate our site using the menu in the right hand column. The site consists of Pages and Posts.

Pages provide an overview of our congregation's life and mission. They are rarely updated because they feature introductory information that is helpful to visitors and members alike. Visitors should look here first.

Posts include all the latest announcements, greetings, sermons, pictures, etc. Posts are sorted into the appropriate categories, and are updated often.

There are many other features on-line at www.newphilly.org, and we invite you to explore and use the site to the fullest. A number of members help maintain it, and your suggestions for features or articles are always welcome.

Governing Ourselves

Denominational Ties

New Philadelphia is a part of the Southern Province of the Moravian Church in America and is subject to its discipline. A copy of “The Book of Order” is available for reference in our Church Office. Visit the Southern Province website at www.mcsp.org.

Church Constitution

A copy of the Rules & Regulations by which we govern ourselves is on-line at

www.newphilly.org/constitution/

<http://www.newphilly.org/pdf/npmc.constitution.pdf>

We endeavor to adhere to it in Christian love.

Church Council

New Philadelphia holds annual *Congregational Council* in October of each year. The Council considers matters that are crucial to the life of our entire congregation. It has the power to set aside all other decisions that are made by Boards and Committees. Election of Board Members is a key part of each Council Meeting. Elders & Trustees

Official Boards

New Philadelphia has two official boards, the *Board of Elders* and the *Board of Trustees*. These boards consist of 11 and 12 lay members respectively. The Pastor serves as Chair of the Elders. The Board of Trustees elects its own Chair. Both boards elect Vice-Chairs and Secretaries. Members serve for a period of three years, and can be re-elected only after two years without board service.

Persons Eligible to Serve

Members in good standing that are 18 years of age and older may vote at Congregational Council and are eligible for election to either board. Persons are not typically considered for board service until after they have been a member of the church for at least one year. We do not allow two people from one family to serve simultaneously.

Committees & Other Opportunities for Service

New Philadelphia ministers and serves by and through the work of its committees. Most committees are open to anyone who wants to participate, including non-members who are interested in a particular facet of our ministry. A few committees are by appointment only, but appointments are usually available at least once each year.

Service on a committee is one of the best ways to get involved in our church, and has become the norm for those who wish to someday serve on a board. New Philadelphia relies on a sophisticated committee structure, and each board meeting includes Committee Reports from all our Standing and Specially Appointed Committees.

The following Standing Committees are especially important to our Congregational life:

The Christian Education Committee monitors the work of our Sunday School and other Educational endeavors. It is appointed.

The Youth Committee governs the work of our Youth and assist the Director of Youth Ministry with programs and planning. It is appointed.

The Missions and Social Concerns Committee guides our congregation in its outreach to our community and world. It has an open membership.

The Church Family Life Committee plans special events to enhance our life together as a small portion of the Body of Christ and the Family of God. It has an open membership.

The Stewardship Committee seeks to help all our members grow in their response to God's grace as they seek to be good stewards of their time, talent, and treasure. Members serve under appointment for a period of three years. If you are interested in serving please speak to Pastor Marcus.

The Scout Committee governs the work of Boy Scout Troop 715 and its affiliates.

The Hospitality/Evangelism/Open Door Committee serves to welcome and engage visitors and new members. At present, it plans the Pastor's Teas. In future it will guide the church in its outreach. It has an open membership.

The Audio-Visual/Technology Committee facilitates the technological side of our worship and life.

The Preschool Committee governs the life of our Preschool. It is appointed.

Other Committees & Task Forces

As a rule the Elders and Trustees appoint special committees to carry out tasks with which the boards are charged. Some are made up exclusively of board members; others include members from the boards and from the congregation. These committees include: the Human Resources Advisory Committee, the Properties Committee, the Building Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Visioning Committee, the Elizabeth Windsor Scholarship Committee, the Endowment Committee, the Graveyard Committee, and the Technology Committee.

From time to time other committees are formed on an as needed basis.

More information about our committees, including current committee chairpersons, etc. can be found online at:

www.newphilly.org/comapp/

<http://www.newphilly.org/pdf/npmc.committee.appointments.pdf>

Fellowship Opportunities

Numerous fellowship opportunities are available for every age group. For more information about these groups, please contact Paula Midkiff at 765-2331, email paula@newphilly.org or refer to the directory at the end of this document.

Women's Fellowship

Eight ladies circles are active at New Philadelphia. Most circles meet once a month for bible study, fellowship, service, etc. Circles meet at a variety of times during the day, allowing everyone the opportunity to pick a time that is best for them. The Women's Fellowship is responsible for a variety of activities at the church including Candle Trimming, Chicken Pie Suppers, a bazaar held every two years, visitation and fruit baskets for our shut-ins, decoration of the church Christmas tree and other projects. For more information contact Darlene Reinhardt at 945-9170

Men's Fellowship

The men of the church meet in the Banquet Room of the Fellowship Hall at 7 a.m. on the 1st Friday of each month for breakfast. Various fellowship outings and service projects are held throughout the year.

Funtastics (Senior's Fellowship)

Our Funtastics meet at least quarterly for food, fellowship, fun and study. Various outings are planned throughout the year, and guest speakers are asked to address the group on topics of interest.

New Phillies

New Phillies consist of elementary students, K through 5 and their parents. It meets once a month for dinner and fellowship, and provides young people with the opportunity to form friendships within the church that will benefit them as Middle High Youth. The group participates in several service projects throughout the year along with fun activities for the children. For more information contact paula@newphilly.org.

Junior and Senior High Youth

These groups meet throughout the year to focus on worship, discipleship, ministry and fellowship. For additional information please visit us out on-line at

www.newphilly.org/youth/

Dinner Club

The Church Family Life Committee has organized the New Philadelphia Dinner Club. Dinner club members are placed on teams of five couples each. Each dinner club sets its own schedule for the dinner meetings. New additions to this club are welcome.

Community Outreach

New Philadelphia Moravian church is a caring congregation, seeking to maintain an active Christian presence both in our local community and around the world. We support a variety of organizations with our time, our talents, and our treasure.

Open Door Lunch

This increasingly popular event is offered the first Wednesday of each month as an outreach to our community, especially businessmen and women who work in the area. Volunteers are needed to prepare food, serve, and clean-up the kitchen afterwards. A light meal is served, and then one of the pastors offers a brief devotional. Your help is needed and welcomed! Contact paula@newphilly.org for additional details.

The Pastor's Tea

Several times each year the Pastor invites visitors and new members to an afternoon tea. Traditional fare is served, and tea is brewed as members pray a liturgy based on Psalm 51. More than 350 ladies have attended these teas. If you wish to attend, to bring a friend, or to help with the teas, please email tea@newphilly.org.

NPMC Preschool

Our half-day preschool program is where children learn in a loving, developmentally appropriate, child-centered, Christian environment. We have 240 children in the preschool, from three months to five years old. The children enjoy a morning of music, art, story time, playground time, and a snack. There are weekly classes in art, music and preschool aerobics. Twice each month children attend chapel where they participate in worship and hear stories from the Bible. For more information, contact jerrie@newphilly.org.

English Second Language

New Philadelphia host English Second Language Classes for Spanish speaking people who are citizens or seeking citizenship. Email Sandra@newphilly.org for details.

Sunnyside Ministry of the Moravian Church

Many New Philadelphians volunteer at the Sunnyside Ministry of the Moravian Church on a weekly Basis. Check out your opportunities for service at www.sunnysideministry.org.

Winston-Salem Outreach Ministries

We support a variety of Winston-Salem outreach ministries and services with money and/or volunteers including Crisis Control, Ronald McDonald House, Contact, Food Bank, etc.

The Mission Society of the Southern Province

The Mission Society holds a Mission Lovefeast in the fall of each year. A lifetime membership in the Mission Society is only \$100.00.

Salemtowne Moravian Retirement Community

Salemtowne is the retirement community of the Moravian Church, Southern Province. There are a variety of plans utilized by older adults in various stages of health. There are independent homes, rooms with meals, and advanced medical care. Check out Salemtowne on-line at www.salemtowne.org

Mission & Service

Hospice Many New Philadelphians have been touched by the ministry of Hospice, particularly the Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home. We celebrate Hospice Sunday and many of us give second mile gifts to the organization. Check-out Hospice on-line at: www.hospicecarecenter.org.

Bethesda Center for the Homeless

On the third Thursday of each month, an elder from New Philadelphia takes a small group to the Center for the 3D's: Desert, Devotion, and Dialogue. If you want to participate, contact the Church Office. www.bethesdacenter.org.

Samaritan Inn

Samaritan Inn One night each month the Discipleship Class feeds the residents of Samaritan Inn. Contact a member of the Class if you would like to help. www.samaritanministries.org.

Mission Trips

In recent years members of New Philadelphia have participated in a variety of mission trips, from Western North Carolina and Indiana, to Gulfport Mississippi and Nicaragua. Come join us.

Special Volunteers

Ushers

There is a team of Ushers at Each Service. Clyde Dulla is the Head User for the 9:00 a.m. service. Fred Flynt and Dick Rodden assist him. Mike Windsor is the Head Usher for the 11:10 a.m. service. Barry Nichols and Joe Jarvis assist him.

Male and Female Dieners

Our lovefeasts require lots of volunteers. *Coffee Makers* do the advance perpetration. Female *Dieners* serve. Male *Dieners* or *Coffee Carriers* carry the heavy trays of coffee. Many families have served our lovefeast for generations, yet new dieners are always welcome. Contact Tony Ebert, Angela Trogon for additional information.

Who to Call

<i>Adult Sunday School</i>	<i>Paula Midkiff</i>	765-2331 paula@newphilly.org
<i>Band</i>		
<i>Baptism</i>	<i>Any Pastor</i> <i>Rachel Weavil</i>	765-2331 Rachel@newphilly.org
<i>Bells</i>	<i>Donna Cartner</i>	766-5783 bells@newphilly.org
<i>Berakah Choir</i>	<i>Steve Gray</i>	998-7752 steve@newphilly.org
<i>Chancel Choir</i>	<i>Steve Gray</i>	998-7752 steve@newphilly.org
<i>Children's Sunday School</i>	<i>Paula Midkiff</i>	765-2331 paula@newphilly.org
<i>Facilities</i>	<i>Jerry Bumgardner</i>	765-2331 jerry@newphilly.org
<i>Gemeinschaft</i>		
<i>Giving or Gifts</i>	<i>Donna Wright</i>	765-2331 donna@newphilly.org
<i>Joining the Church</i>	<i>Any Pastor</i>	765-2331

<i>Miscellaneous Questions</i>	<i>Rachel Weavil</i>	765-2331 rachel@newphilly.org
<i>Men's Fellowship</i>	<i>Dave Marcus</i>	765-2331 dave@newphilly.org
<i>New Phillies</i>	<i>Paula Midkiff</i>	765-2331 paula@newphilly.org
<i>Newsletter</i>	<i>Rachel Weavil</i>	765-2331 rachel@newphilly.org
<i>Open Door Lunch</i>	<i>Paula Midkiff</i>	765-2331 paula@newphilly.org
<i>Pastoral Care/Visit</i>	<i>Any Pastor</i> <i>Rachel Weavil</i>	765-2331 rachel@newphilly.org
<i>Pastor's Tea</i>	<i>Betty Pettersen</i>	922-3934
<i>Preschool</i>	<i>Jerrie Andrews</i>	768-4844 jerrie@newphilly.org
<i>Schedule Building</i>	<i>Rachel Weavil</i>	765-2331 rachel@newphilly.org
<i>Weddings</i>	<i>Any Pastor</i>	765-2331
<i>Women's Fellowship</i>	<i>Church Office</i>	765-2331
<i>Youth Fellowship Middle High</i>		
<i>Youth Fellowship Senior High</i>	<i>John Rights</i>	765-2331 john@newphilly.org