



Central Moravian Church

2017 Annual Reports
2018 Annual Church Council
Sunday, January 28, 2018
Church Sanctuary

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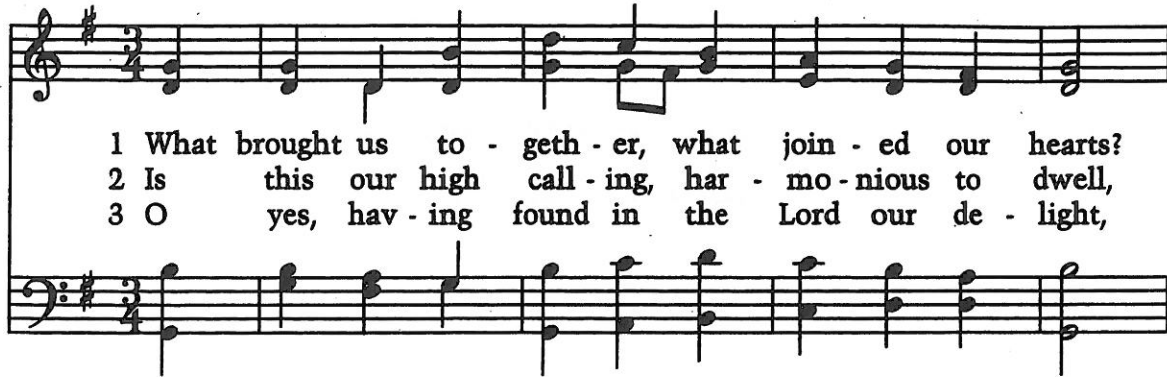
Annual Church Council

January 28, 2018

AGENDA

- a. Call to order - The Rt. Rev. C. Hopeton Clennon
- b. Prayer and Hymn #675
“What Brought Us Together”
- c. Election of President and Secretary of Church Council
- d. Minutes of the last Church Council
- e. Report of the Board of Elders – Hopeton Clennon
- f. Report of the Board of Trustees – Anne Zug
- g. Financial reports of the Board of Trustees – George Mowers
- h. Presentation of the budget for 2018 – Robert Phillips
- i. Reports from other organizations, agencies, and societies of the congregation
- j. General business
- k. Report of the Nominating Committee and Elections – Ann Raines
- l. Pastoral comments
- m. Adjournment

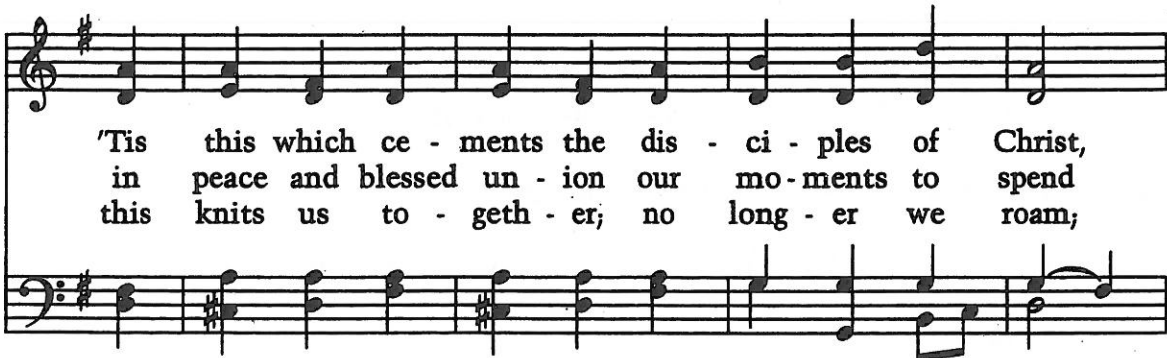
What Brought Us Together



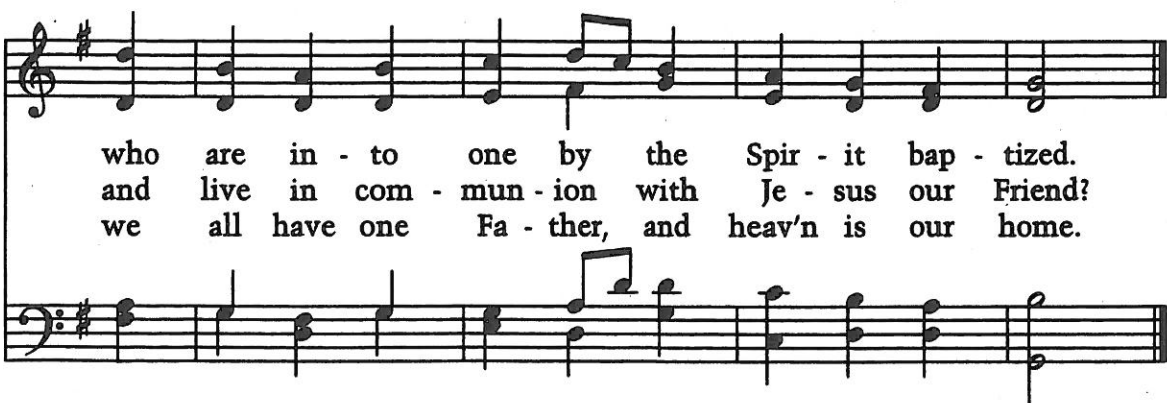
1 What brought us to - geth - er, what join - ed our hearts?
 2 Is this our high call - ing, har - mo - nious to dwell,
 3 O yes, hav - ing found in the Lord our de - light,



The par - don which Je - sus, our High Priest, im - parts;
 and thus in sweet con - cert Christ's prais - es to tell,
 he is our chief ob - ject by day and by night;



'Tis this which ce - ments the dis - ci - ples of Christ,
 in peace and blessed un - ion our mo - ments to spend
 this knits us to - geth - er; no long - er we roam,



who are in - to one by the Spir - it bap - tized.
 and live in com - mun - ion with Je - sus our Friend?
 we all have one Fa - ther, and heav'n is our home.

TEXT: Ludolph Ernst Schlicht (1744), Mor. alt. (1826)
 TUNE: Herrnhut (c. 1740), C. Gregor Choralbuch (1784)

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 CONFESSION (89 A)

Report of Nominating Committee

Church Council President: Barry Pell
Church Council Secretary: Terry Delph
Board of Elders (3-year term): Peter Behrens
Lynne Brolly
Priscilla Schueck

Continuing Elders:

* indicates beginning second term

*Elissa Derbak, Martha Griffis, Jim Jordan, Ken Kodama, Janice Ostock, Ann Raines,
Steve Schlack, Diane Shaw, and Mary Shields

Board of Trustees (3-year term): Mary Brown
David Charrier
Camie Modjadidi

Continuing Trustees:

* indicates beginning second term

Llyena Boylan, Joan Carson, *Jan Cole, *Steve Krawiec, Mia Mecleary, Tom Tenges, Anthony
Thompson, Michelle Trent, Sharon Upton, David Weikert, and Anne Zug

Bethlehem Area Moravians Board of Almoners: David Williams

Bethlehem Area Moravians Ministries Committee: Rose Warner

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Raines
Secretary

NOTE: The following members were elected at a Special Church Council on October 15, 2017 to represent Central Moravian Church at the 2018 Northern Province Synod (June 21-25):

Delegates: Peter Behrens, Hank Naisby, Bill Sachs, Mary Catherine Tachovsky
Alternates: Madeleine Atwood, Jan Cole, Ginny Delph, Tom Tenges

Minutes of the Central Moravian Church Council January 29, 2017

Pastor Hopeton Clennon opened the annual meeting of the Central Moravian Church Council at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 29, 2017. Following the singing of "What Brought Us Together", Barry Pell and Terry Delph were nominated for the offices of Council President and Secretary, respectively. Following custom, these two were elected by unanimous consent.

The Minutes of the 2016 Church Council were approved without modification. Nathan Bissey, Louisa Frey, and Mark Jones will serve as reviewers for the minutes of this year's minutes.

The first business item on the agenda was the presentation of the report of the Board of Elders, presented by Hopeton Clennon. Those Elders present were recognized with a round of applause.

Barry referred to the written reports of the various church committees for a description of their activities over the past year.

Anne Zug thanked the congregation for the strong support afforded the Joint Board in 2016. She recognized Jim Whildin, who spoke of the progress of the Almawas family that Central has sponsored. The father is currently employed, although at a minimum wage job, and the children are prospering in the Allentown School District. We will continue to support them as necessary. Anne then welcomed Bill Sachs to the podium, who outlined the status of the 275th Anniversary Campaign. At the present time, the campaign has reached approximately 75% of its goal.

George Mowers, Financial Secretary, then outlined the 2016 financial results. The majority of the Christian Spring property was sold in early 2016, a welcome relief. The house and adjoining acreage is still on the market. The Barnette Scholarship Fund was established last year as well, with the goal of supporting international students at Moravian College. Finally, we also established a Resettlement Fund to support the needs of the Almawas family. On the negative side, George noted a disquieting three-year decrease in envelope receipts. The result of this was a deficit of slightly less than \$18,000 for 2016. 2014 and 2015 showed deficits of approximately similar size. The budget shortfall was covered this year by a

generous unrestricted gift from a deceased Central member.

Rob Phillips followed with a presentation of the 2017 budget. This budget projects a total income of \$847,665. A slight increase in envelope giving is forecast, to a level of \$535,000. The budget provides for staff raises of 1%. Rob characterized the overall budget as "plausibly aggressive." The budget passed with no dissent.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Michelle Trent presented the nominees for 2017 boards and committees. These were:

Elders (first term): James Jordan, Mary Shields
Elders (continuing): Julie Atwood, Hopeton Clennon (*ex officio*), Lynnette Delbridge (*ex officio*), Elissa Derbak, Martha Griffis, Pat Herman, Ken Kodama, Hank Naisby, Janice Ostock, Ann Raines, Steve Schlack, Diane Shaw

Trustees (first term): Joan Carson
Trustees (continuing): Llyena Boylan, Don Brown, Hopeton Clennon (*ex officio*), Jan Cole, Lynnette Delbridge (*ex officio*), Steve Kraweic, John Mast, Mia Meclarey, Glenn Noack, Rob Phillips, Anthony Thompson, Michelle Trent, Sharon Upton, David Weikert, Anne Zug.

BAM Board of Directors: Beth Boyer

The nominees were elected without dissent. Hopeton concluded the meeting by citing an "absolutely fantastic" 2016, thanking all those who served on Boards and Committees during the past year.

The Council adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Terry Delph,
Church Council Secretary

Board of Elders

The year under review brought with it several highlights in our faithful ministry and mission at Central. We are maintaining the longstanding tradition of excellent partnership with the Board of Trustees in facilitating the effective work of our worshiping, learning and serving community. Among the twelve elected Elders along with **Pastor Lynnette Delbridge** and myself, we are very grateful to have **Hank Naisby** serving as Vice President and **Ann Raines** serving as Secretary.

Two Elders rotated off the board after the faithful completion of their terms in office. We offer our deepest appreciation to **Bill Sachs** who served as Vice President of the Board for five years and to **Frank Shipman** who chaired the Church Family Life and guided the development of the Emergency Preparedness Task Force. The newly elected Elders in 2017 are **James Jordan** and **Mary Shields**.

According to the Handbook of Central Moravian Church, the Board of Elders is charged with the spiritual care of the congregation, overseeing worship, membership, and the work of various committees. These committees include: Christian Education chaired by **Pat Herman**, Church Family Life chaired by **Elissa Derbak**, Communications chaired by **Ann Raines**, Congregational Care (in development) chaired by **Julie Atwood**, History chaired by **Diane Shaw**, International Student Care, Membership, Mission, Music, Putz reported on by **Ken Kodama**, Resettlement, Social Action co-chaired by **Janice Ostock**, and Stewardship reported on by **Martha Griffis**. We are grateful for the guidance we receive from **Steve Schlack** in his leadership roles with other committees reporting primarily to the Board of Trustees. At our monthly meetings we welcome the Trustee representative and review minutes of past Trustees' meetings, review attendance statistics, act on changes in membership (admissions and removals), and work on correspondence to members and organizations. We also determine when, how and by whom the five buildings for which Central Moravian Church is responsible are used. Any appeals for causes outside of our congregation come before the Elders for approval.

We began 2017 welcoming new leadership for the Sacristan Corps in January, moved through the

climatic celebration of the 275th Anniversary of the formation of the congregation in June, and ended with a focus on worship attendance, long-distance members, non-communicant members, and communing children in December. Challenging questions abound. We hope we dealt with each issue with love, grace, and careful attention to the Holy Scriptures and the policies of the Moravian Church Northern Province. Thank you for your prayerful support. We deeply value your responses and recommendations. We remain committed to walking with members, friends, and newcomers in our journey of faith.

Timothy Brady took over the role of Head Male Sacristan on January 1, succeeding **Jeffrey Griffis** who completed 25 years in that position. He is capably assisted by **Nathan Bissey** and **Philip Corvino**. The Female Sacristans changed leaders at the start of 2017 as well. The long-serving **Judy Thomas** and her assistant **Nancy Foster** stepped down from their leadership positions. The Co-Head Female Sacristans are **Beth Boyer** and **Ann Raines**.

The midweek Lenten program ran from March 8 – April 5. The theme focused on community service, local and international. **David Wickmann** spoke about hunger and the Food Pantry; **Rose Warner** spoke about homelessness and the Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering; **Abbas Khalaf** from Iraq gave a personal testimony about refugee resettlement; **Jackson Mlimuka** from Tanzania spoke about the international Moravian students' scholarship program; **Bob Brown**, **Bob Adams** and **Harry Tachovsky** hosted presentations on Habitat for Humanity.

After more than a year of 275th Anniversary events and publications in the congregation and community, we gathered in Johnston Hall at Moravian College in June for a community lovefeast to mark the establishment of the Bethlehem congregation. This was on the same date, June 25th, as it was in 1742. The 275th Anniversary Lovefeast began with Outdoor Brass Preludes by a community brass band made up of members from local churches and led in three sections by **Don Kemmerer**, **Caitlin Heckman** and **Allan Frank**. The Moravian Youth Brass Choir played the postlude for this 3 p.m. service. Greetings and messages during the service were brought by Dr. Bryon Grigsby (College President), Bishop Sam Zeiser (ELCA), The Rev. Canon Maria Tjeltveit (Episcopal Church), The Rev. Dr. Betsy Miller (PEC President),

Bishop Blair Couch (descendent of Count Nicholas Ludwig von Zinzendorf), Dr. Paul Peucker (Archivist), and The Rev. Dr. Cortroy Jarvis (Chairman, Worldwide Moravian Unity Board). We express our deepest gratitude to the Bethlehem Area Moravian, Inc. for underwriting much of the cost for the lovefeast celebration. Earlier that morning we launched the book edited by **Rebecca Kleintop Owens**, *Praise and Thanksgiving: For 275 Years of Music at Central Moravian Church*, during our 10 a.m. worship service. Best wishes to Rebecca who was united in marriage to **Ralph Lepore** on July 22, 2017.

The Joint Board and congregation acknowledged milestone employment anniversaries for two members of the church staff in the fall of 2017. Director of Music **Rebecca Lepore** celebrated her 15th anniversary on September 15. Becky was presented by original artwork created by **Timothy Naisby** at a worship service on September 10. Financial Secretary **George Mowers** celebrated his 15th anniversary on October 7.

Of some concern is the declining pattern of the statics tracking worship attendance. We acknowledge national trends in both the sacred and secular sectors. We celebrate the vitality reflected in so many areas of our ministry and mission including the music ministry, opportunities for children and youth, adult discussion groups, as well as food, clothing, and homeless mission work on and off our campus, in the Lehigh Valley and around the world. In recent decades, the year 2006 is the high watermark for worship attendance. The Board of Elders is undertaking the task to study the issue. We anticipate implementing changes that may address the issue of declining numbers while keeping our focus on key factors that have no numerical assessment.

In the closing months of the year, we explored what to do about the following:

- A) Inactive members who are living more than an hour away from the Lehigh Valley.
- B) Children of members who were baptized as babies and are now more than 21 years old without participating in a catechetical experience or the Rite of Confirmation.
- C) Baptized children receiving Holy Communion who should be listed in a membership category we have not used at Central: Communing

Children.

In addition to the year long catechism culminating in confirmation for our youth members on June 11, we also had the reception of adult members on March 12, March 26, and October 8. Guest preachers during 2017 included the Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood (Central member), the Rev. Jennifer Nichols (Presbyterian), the Rev. Dr. Steve Simmons (Presbyterian), and the Rev. Dr. Walter Wagner (Lutheran). We were fortunate to have at least 15 lay members present mission moments during worship services in 2017.

It is our goal to keep expanding opportunities for worship, education and fellowship, in accordance with the mission statement of Central Moravian Church. That statement continues: "Our members are committed to meeting the needs of society and nurturing individuals on their spiritual journeys as we honor our Moravian heritage. We live our lives serving and fulfilling the mission of Christ in the world."

Respectfully Submitted,
Hopeton Clennon
President

2017 Statistics

Baptism: 1

Vivienne Barbara O'Connor

Receptions: 22

Nicole Batchelor
Michella Cardoso
Dick Chynoweth
Butch Coleman
Donna Coleman
Bonnie Davis
Charlie Eisenhart
Pat Eisenhart
Eliza Grigsby
Eleanor Harris
Jeff Harris
Debbie Helms
Brenda Hoelman
Irisha Johnson
Bob Kilker
Theresa Mass
Rich Smith, Jr.
Chuck Welty
Dick Williams
Judy Williams
Barbara Wright

Young Children of New Members: 5

Rosina Coleman
Alonzo Gonzalez
Jesiah Gonzalez
Azlan Johnson
Kaiel Johnson

Confirmation: 6

Carol Delbridge
Anastasia Endress
Ethan Ferrey
Gabriel Krem
James Phillips
Hannah Recchiuti-Quier

Deaths: 15

Renae Joy Behrens
Corinne Chase
Barbara Jane Iobst
Jana Klier
Willard O. Marshall, Jr.
Mary M. McCarthy
Ann Meredith Mitchell
Elizabeth Jean Pearce
Thomas Arthur Richards
James D. Sabetti
Edwin A. Sawyer
G. Wesley Sell
Helen Soloi
James Van Vliet
Edwin Andrew Wallace

Average Attendance in 2017: 320

CD Ministry: 6

Total Membership on December 31: 972

Christian Education Committee

Opportunities for Children and Youth

Church Nursery: We are grateful to our nursery volunteers who provide childcare for our smallest children in the West Room of the Sanctuary building during our 11 a.m. worship services (10 a.m. in the summer). Children can stay in the nursery for the entire worship service or start out in the Sanctuary and then go to the nursery when they need a break. Juice boxes and regular and gluten free snacks are available. Children's furniture and toys offer several play options for the children and parents using the nursery. A new rotation of volunteers began in June of 2017.

We also experimented with providing activity packets for the children attending our Christmas Eve services. These packets included crayons, a double-sided coloring page and two pipe cleaners. All 34 packets were in use at the 1 p.m. Children's Lovefeast. Parents appreciated having something for their children to do before the services began. Many were also used at the 5:30 p.m. service.

Family Play Group: With leadership provided by parent Elissa Derbak, we offer a monthly opportunity for parents, grandparents, caregivers and their infants and toddlers to meet each other, play together, and share in a brief circle time during the Sunday School hour.

Sunday School and Children's Choir: JoAnna Freund, our Sunday School Superintendent and Children's Choir Director, leads our preschool and elementary Sunday School teachers, Jane Corvino, Gayle Dimmick, Faith Fiegel and Diana Worley in offering a loving environment, creative presentation of bible stories, and musical activities. The children learn music which complements the content of their Sunday School lessons. Their involvement in worship during 2017 included singing for the Christian Family Lovefeast in May, singing for a 9 a.m. service in October in which they heard the story of the Call of Samuel, taking up Red Wagon offerings for the Food Pantry in April and November, and singing and presenting the story of the shepherds on Dec. 17 at the 11 a.m. worship and for the Children's Lovefeast on Dec. 24. The Youth Sunday School class is taught by Beth Careyva and Pastor Delbridge. Beginning in Fall of 2017, we have been using stories from the Narrative Lectionary and curricula provided by Spirit and Truth

and Spill the Beans.

Friday Night Fun: First through fifth graders meet on the second Friday night of each month September through May from 6 to 8 p.m. Sessions include supper, time to explore a bible story, play and crafts. In the fall, Pastor Delbridge and seminary students Charlie McDonald and Alyssa Nelson took over leadership for this program from Emily Toyberg and seminary graduate, Ben Lippert.

Youth Group: Our middle school and high school youth typically meet on Sunday nights from 6 to 8 p.m. September through early June. The 13 youth who regularly attend engage in a variety of learning, discussion, prayer, service and fun activities. For service activities, the group helped to stuff Easter Eggs, placed hyacinths on graves in God's Acre for Easter, stocked shelves in the Food Pantry, sorted clothing at Cynthia's Boutique, cleaned out and put brochures in the Sanctuary pew racks, cooked and served supper for the Women's shelter, helped pack meals for Haiti, participated in the CROP Walk, wrapped candles, baked cookies and went Christmas caroling at King's Daughters Home and Moravian Houses. Fun activities included a Lock-In, movie and game nights, a Friendsgiving dinner, going to Free Fall, and enjoying a swim party at the home of Karen Ferrey and Nancy Meckstroth. We also discussed the involvement of youth in the Civil Rights movement and attended the Palm Sunday reading service together. We typically take turns at each meeting sharing our highs and lows for the week.

Sarah Phillips and Lynnette Delbridge provide regular adult leadership. In the fall they were joined by Charlie McDonald, a seminary student, and Steve and Katie Kish, members at Edgeboro Moravian Church. Steve and Charlie take turns assisting with the group. We appreciate other adults from the congregation who have lent their special gifts to the group. These adults include Charlotte McGorry, Regina Kelechava, David Wickmann, Rose Warner, Martha Griffis, Ben Wallace, Krysti Nappi, Caitlin Heckman, Robert Wascura, Hopeton Clennon, Pam Larimer, Beth Davis, Andy Meckstroth, and many other parents who pitch in from time to time.

Confirmation: Six of our 7th and 8th graders confirmed their faith on June 11, 2017. We celebrated in worship and with a pancake breakfast prepared by the Christian Education Committee. Confirmation classes met on

Sunday mornings each week and once or twice a month on Friday nights. Sunday morning sessions included a 9:30 to 10 a.m. time to explore spiritual practices such as reading the *Daily Texts*, breathing and being silent, giving thanks, and journaling. The regular 10 to 10:45 a.m. Sunday School hour explored salvation history from the perspective of characters in the Old and New Testament. Friday night sessions provided a time to take a deeper look at key scripture passages such as the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount and to delve into Moravian history and practices. Four of the class members also attended the Eastern District Confirmation Retreat at Camp Hope in May.

The Confirmation teaching staff included Mary Mowrer, Beth Careyva, Steve and Margaret Kraweic, Peter and Renae Behrens, and Lynnette Delbridge with occasional assistance from Craig Atwood.

Beginning in the fall of 2018, a new confirmation class for rising 6th and 7th graders and any youth who have not already taken part in confirmation will get underway for the 2018-2019 school year.

Vacation Bible School: We cooperated with East Hills Moravian and Advent Moravian Churches in offering VBS again this year. VBS was held at Advent Moravian Church, June 12-16, 2017, and we used a curriculum provided by Cokesbury called *Hero Central*. The children and staff began and ended their day together in assembly and rotated between music, bible story, crafts, science, and recreation and snack sites. We served a total of 41 children who came from the neighborhood and the three congregations. Eight children, seven youth helpers, and seven adult leaders from Central participated.

Camp Hope: 11 children and youth attended week long conferences for their age group and 8 also attended week long specialty camps. We are grateful to the Busy Workers and several individuals whose generous contributions, added to income from the Allen Fund, made it possible for us to offer camperships for each person attending camp.

Advent Workshop: Our annual Advent Workshop took place on Dec. 3 with 62 people participating. Led by Carol Holbert, our staff provided a variety of activities: making felt Moravian candles, Advent wreaths, pinecone bird feeders, decorating ornaments and angels, marble painting stars, and making tea light

luminaria. An Advent coloring book, produced for the event with an activity for each day, was also available for children to take home. Mark Jones supplied refreshments and those attending enjoyed Christmas music provided by Mary Mowrer and Dick Groman.

Adult Christian Education Opportunities

Friendship Bible class: This class, led by Howard Cox, meets in the church office conference room and has been studying and discussing scripture on Sunday mornings since 1936.

Comenius Sunday: This discussion group meets from 9 to 11 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the C. E. building, lower level, to watch and discuss DVD's and YouTubes with a bearing on Faith and morality

Comenius Tuesday: This group is led by AnneMarie Whildin and they studied various books throughout the year.

Parents Group: Informal gathering of parents (with children of all ages) meets in the C. E. building's Zinzendorf Parlor.

Adult Classes led by Pastor Maggie Wellert: In the Spring, the CEC collaborated with the Social Action Committee in bringing the Rev. Maggie Wellert to teach the Sunday morning discussion sessions on Difficult Conversations, a book by Douglas Stone, Bruce Patton, and Sheila Heen. Hank Naisby led the Wednesday evening discussion group studying the same book. Pastor Wellert then followed up with a series on the Moravian Covenant for Christian Living and Walter Wink's book, Jesus and Nonviolence: A Third Way. In the fall, Pastor Wellert led a series called *Stories for Life* following the same narrative lectionary stories used by the children's and youth Sunday School classes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Herman, Chair

Church Family Life Committee

This Committee looks to provide occasional congregational fellowship opportunities for all ages. Our gatherings include potlucks, picnics, outings, caroling, exercise retreats and many other activities.

We began the year with a very delicious Soup and Chili contest in January followed by the Birthday Social in February. We offered various potlucks throughout the year in addition to our End of the Summer Picnic in August and our BBQ event in October. The committee continues to enjoy working in conjunction with other church groups to organize outings including an Iron Pigs game, trip to Knoebel's Amusement Park, and Christmas Caroling. We typically had between 50-80 attendees at our events this year. The committee looks forward to another exciting year of fellowship in 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elissa Derbak, Chair

Communications Committee

Central Moravian Church special services and music programs continued to receive coverage in newspaper and digital news outlets in 2017. Our Committee thanks church staff for a job well done getting word out to the community.

Internally, the staff continues to keep our members informed in print via *The Belfry* and *The Sunday Times*. In addition, weekly announcements are sent to members' email addresses via Constant Contact.

The Committee focused on the key purposes for our website, based upon the information gathered from the congregation to create a website that provides key information to our congregation and offers an attractive presentation of who we are as a congregation to the public. A request for proposal form was sent to four potential providers and four proposals were received. The Committee is currently seeking funding for the project.

The Communications Committee invites suggestions for new and improved communication methods from our congregants. Anyone interested in contributing ideas and time, please contact any member of the committee.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Raines, Chair

History Committee

The Central History Committee has just completed its eleventh year. 2017 saw our involvement with the 275th Anniversary celebration of the founding of Bethlehem the Moravian congregation; planning for the storage and display of Central's historical materials as part of the Capital Campaign; and special programs for Central's Moravian History Month and Christmas.

The Committee participated in the 275th Anniversary's Moravian Day on June 17, offering tours of the Sanctuary and a sale table of publications, Christmas cards, and the new replica door handles created by Shelly Watson. We also commissioned another exhibition in the Christian Education Building lobby from Tom McCullough of the Moravian Archives—this one was a history of Moravian anniversaries. The Committee also began to try to envision what a secure storage space might look like in Central's basement. Barry Pell did some preliminary sketches and there were discussions with the Buildings and Grounds Committee. Carol Reifinger helped oversee the return of Central's accessioned furniture from Christian Spring to temporary storage in the basement, and she also put together a list of ideas for future exhibitions highlighting some of Central's historical objects. Instead of celebrating Moravian history in September as we have done in previous years, we moved it to October so that we could commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Paul Peucker chaired a subcommittee that brought two excellent speakers to Central's pulpit in October—the Rev. Drs. Craig Atwood and Walter Wagner—to talk about this historic moment in the context of the Moravians. And finally, the Committee celebrated the 80th anniversary of Central's putz by offering a "Putz Crawl" on December 9, with tours of three church putzes and three private putzes, and with all proceeds earmarked for Caribbean hurricane relief. June Griffiths ably chaired this subcommittee.

The History Committee's work is always very engaging and often unexpected. We would encourage any Central members who think they might be interested in joining us to contact Diane Shaw.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Shaw, Chair

Committee members: Marianne Allen, Hopeton Clennon, Jan Cole (Trustee representative), June Griffiths, Debbie Helms, Mary Jo Hill, Jeffrey Long, Pat McAndrew, Hank Naisby (Elder representative), Barry Pell, Paul Peucker, Carol Reifinger, Marge Rowland, Nancy Rutman, Priscilla Schueck, Bart Shaw

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee's mission is to welcome and embrace new members while encouraging the involvement of all members in the life of the church through faithful worship, service, and fellowship. The committee, which reports to the Board of Elders, also engages in outreach to attract visitors and new members.

The committee organized two outreach events in 2017: a spring *Invite-a-Friend* worship service coinciding with the Great Sabbath Lovefeast and a fall *Invite-a-Friend* Sunday in conjunction with the Lovefeast for November 13, held on November 12. The committee again printed door hangers with a schedule of Central's Advent and Christmas season events for members to distribute in their local neighborhoods, designed and printed a limited run of bookmarks with a schedule of events for the Lenten and Easter season, and for the sixth year, mailed Christmas cards to distant members of our congregation.

This year, in an effort to save time and money, the committee partnered with the Church Office to create press-ready copy of Central's 2017 Pictorial Directory. After multiple rounds of proofreading, the finished directory was printed and ready for distribution in late July.

This fall, the committee organized a pilot RideConnexion program with the objective of matching volunteer drivers with Sisters and Brothers who need transportation to attend Sunday worship services. While formal evaluation of the pilot is pending, informal observation suggests that the program could benefit from improved communication among participants.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bill Sachs, Chair

Committee Members: Derrick Clark, Hopeton Clennon, Lynnette Delbridge, Elissa Derbak, Glenn Noack, Janice Ostock, Bill Sachs, Nina Schaffer, Beth Schlener, and Bob Wascura

Mission Committee

The Mission Committee of Central Moravian Church affirms, prays for and helps promote the international mission efforts approved by the Joint Board of Elders and Trustees through groups, organizations and individuals. In carrying out this mission, the Mission Committee partners with the Board of World Mission. This year the committee recognizes and appreciates the long-term devotion of Hal Smith as committee chair. Hal's leadership has been crucial to the encouragement, guidance, and careful stewardship of resources for many years. Hal transitioned off the mission committee in May, and the committee offers sincere gratitude on behalf of the congregation for his commitment and leadership to Christ centered ministries and mission. Another transition for the committee this year was the retirement of, Judy Ganz, Executive Director of the Board of World Missions. Judy is warmly thanked for her help and leadership as we partnered in mission. We welcome Justin Rabbach in his new post as Executive Director and look forward to working together.

We also extend our deepest thanks to Bill and Peg Hoffman for their many years of extraordinary service in Africa. Bill provides the following update on mission in Tanzania.

Church Council Report from Tanzania

During 2017 Bill and Peg Hoffman made their 30th and 31st trips to Sikonge, Tanzania, in support of Central's partnership with the Sikonge Moravian churches. They anticipate returning to Bethlehem the second week of January.

Orphan Program

The orphan program includes thirty-six villages in the Sikonge district and five parishes in the city of Tabora. It serves 409 orphans in the city and 2,743 in and around the village of Sikonge. These figures are little changed from previous years. In Tabora, 37% of the children are in secondary education or beyond. This compares with 10 % in the villages. The difference is due to the availability of teachers in the city.

The total cost of the combined programs for 2017 was \$76,000, or \$24 per orphan per year. This is 80% of the total expense in 2016, but still covers the same items such as food, clothing, medical care, school uniforms and supplies, and personal items such as soap. It also includes all educational costs beginning with kindergarten and extending through the university for those able to pass the government's entrance exams. This significant decrease was primarily due to the scarcity of maize. Being unable to purchase supplies locally or nationally, this expense fell from \$21,500 to \$8,000. In addition, the president of Tanzania has kept his promise to terminate all fees for primary and secondary school. The result is that educational expenditures have fallen by \$7,000. Due to the ever increasing numbers of children beyond secondary school, however, education still accounts for over 65% of the total budget.

Church Construction

Churches at Iyombakuzova (11th), Msuva (12th), and Mkolye (13th) have been completed. Kabanga Moravian (14th), being constructed to honor of the memory of Gordon Mowrer, is currently being plastered; doors and windows are still being constructed. It should be completed by late spring. Congregations at Imalampaka, Mazinge, Mwasavanga, and Madukani have asked for construction assistance.

Wells

Over the last year a total of seven wells have been reconstructed with metal pumps. Each was fully functional during the exceptionally severe dry season.

Special Needs School

The next school year begins the second week of January. Enrollment data will not be available until several weeks later. The new dormitory, built and furnished by the federal government, should increase the boarding capacity of the school to nearly 100 children.

Vocational training has begun with the intent of providing these children with the skills needed to at least partially support themselves.

Funds have been made available to Mama Kimwaga to provide uniforms and small personal items, such as soap and skin oil, for non-orphaned students from impoverished families.

Additional Developments

Ernest Parker Jr. of North Carolina has continued his support for pastoral training. He is providing full scholarships for the education of six assistant pastoral students at the Lusangi Bible School.

Multiple groups from Central have provided the Tanzanian orphan ladies with the money needed to send their own children for additional education.

The Hoffmans and the Tanzanian Moravian Mamas gratefully acknowledge the continued financial and spiritual support of Central Moravian Church, without which this ministry would not exist.

Nepal Moravian Outreach

Craig and Alice Mosebach offer the following letter from Shanti and Vani Pradhan. Craig adds that while NMO committee is disbanding, the mission goes on and is growing. Central will not abandon them. Please pray for their continuing success.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Catherine Tachovsky, Chair

SIKONGE/TABORA MINISTRIES
BUDGET, INCOME, EXPENSES and BALANCES
OCTOBER 1, 2016 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

	2017 <u>Budget</u>	Fiscal Year		
		<u>BWM</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>Total</u>
Beginning Balance		167,853	81,776	249,629
<u>Income</u>				-
Adopt-a-Village	35,000	37,429	16,471	53,900
Other Income	15,000	1,272	1,868	3,140
Education	2,000	1,000	1,500	2,500
Construction	12,000	4,350		4,350
Wells				-
Misc				-
Investment Income net of fees	7,500	14,982		14,982
Grants	17,500	10,000		10,000
Transfers		1,250	10,000	11,250
Total	89,000	70,283	29,839	100,122
<u>Expenses</u>				
Orphans - Food				
Orphans - Education				
Orphans - Misc				
Total Orphans		-		-
Variance, wired minus actual - see note		(100,994)		
Amount wired for Orphan accounts	90,000	100,994		100,994
Travel to/from Tanzania	9,000		6,828	6,828
Travel in Tanzania	1,500		599	599
Construction	10,000	25,833		25,833
Wells	5,000			
Transfer/Close outs				-
Other		498		498
Total	115,500	127,325	7,427	134,752
Net	(26,500)	(57,042)	22,412	(34,630)
Ending Balance		110,811	104,188	214,999

**Note - This statement is derived from accounts at the Board of World and Central Church.
The \$100,994 is the amount wired to Tanzania in the fiscal year. The variance of \$-----
represents the difference in money wired and actually spent in the fiscal year.**

Mission Committee Financial Report

Funds Held by Central Moravian Church

Balance from 2016	\$81,776.24	
Income		
Donations	15,823.88	
Transfer from 2017 Budget	10,000.00	Tanzania
Transfer from 2017 Budget	2,000.00	Nepal
Total	\$109,600.12	
Expenses	38,636.65	
Includes (\$30,000 deposit to Merrill Lynch)		
 Balance	 \$70,963.47	
Mission Funds Held by Merrill Lynch	\$61,351.87	

Five Year Summary of Orphan Expenses

(in USD / 1000)

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
<u>Food</u>	52	36	20	21	8
<u>Education</u>	40	45	48	58	51
<u>Misc</u>	14	18	12	19	17
<u>Total</u>	106	99	80	94	76



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December 27, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings from Kathmandu, Nepal!

We write to you with very grateful hearts as we prepare for the closure of the Nepali Moravian Outreach (NMO) as our primary contact with congregations in the U.S. and Canada who supports the ministry of the Nepali Moravian Church and its schools. In its place the Board of World Mission (BWM) will continue to receive donations for our work and provide information back to you about all that is going on in Nepal through our quarterly newsletter and emails.

The reason for this change is very positive in that the original goals in the formation of NMO have been met. Our ministry is well-developed, stable and moving forward, with some income from the school now able to provide toward other needs.

Eight years ago, on 16, May 2009 we completed our seminary education and on 17 May 2009, we were ordained and in the same month, three churches (where we served) and the Board of World Mission came together to form the Nepali Moravian Outreach (NMO). It came into existence with the purpose *"to support the vision of the Nepali Moravian Outreach to share the good news of Christ through the ministries of the Nepali Moravian Church, transforming lives, educating and equipping people to impact the community and the nation at large"*.

For the last 8 years, we have witnessed God's work through NMO ministry. There were many who served in this committee since its inception, some have gone to be with our Lord, some moved on as they gracefully handed the baton to the next member. Likewise, many partners/donors are no longer with us, but their presence is alive in the work they contributed so graciously in Nepal.

We give thanks to God for raising up people like you who has been a part of the ministry supporting us through your financial commitment, through prayer and through your precious advice. We will indeed cherish it over many years as Lord continues to lead us in the next step of the journey.

Eight years at a glance

Mission teams and Mission work in Nepal

October 2010 - Moravian Mission team of 6 people came to Nepal.

They worked with the church and considered the possibility of acquiring a pre-school to begin a ministry in the field of education. A very Moravian thing to do.

May 2011: Purchase of a preschool in partnership with the British Province.
Antioch Partnership (BWM)

June 2011: Meredith Alexander She came for a month and worked at the Moravian preschool.
Rev. Jeff Copage was also here and he worked with the church.

March-April 2012: Nicole Raskovic - She was a graphic designer and she too worked with the school.

April 2012: Christie and David Melby Gibbons - Our friends from seminary came to visit us and encourage us with their presence and support. In their short visit they helped at the school and church.

Oct 2014-July 2015: Trina and Ken Holmberg Seminary friends again, who came to work at the school and church. They were here during the earthquake in April 2015

April 2015: NMO Mission team - Five members came to Nepal and they came at a time when the school was relocating. Their presence and help made the difficult transition so much easier and blessed.

Dec-Jan 2015/16: Minnesota Mission Team: Consisting of 10 people was here from Dec 27 to January 9, 2016. They ran winter camps at the school and church Sunday school and youth camps. One of the Members of this team also designed the logo for the new grade school that was still in the planning and now a reality - Shristi Academy

June 2016: Andrew Mengel - Worked at the grade school for a month.

July - August 2016: Timothy Naisby - worked at the school for a month.

August 2016: Phyllis Rosner- Worked at the school for a month.

Feb - April 2017: Autumn Cooper, Sarah Jennings and Fran Huetter taught at the school and helped at the church.

June-July 2017: Jessy, Jamie, Jessy - Worked in grade school, gave swimming lessons, developed curriculum for grade I and II.

October 19 to Nov 9, 2017: Catherine Moyzan, Susan Trimble, Jody Bryant worked with grade I and II.

Education ministry

May 2012: Tuition Aid Program

Seven children are currently enrolled in the Moravian pre-school in Kathmandu under this program

November 2015: Higher Education Scholarship Program

Jayanti Rai has been enrolled in the BSc nursing program in Nepal. She will finish the four-year course in 2019.

Fund Raising

Fashion Shows: In May 2010, March 2011 and March 2012, three very creative and meaningful Fashion shows were organized by the NMO team in the US to raise support for the purchase of the pre-school and other ministry needs.

Moravian Pins: In the summer of 2011 Marie Keim, College Hill, and Myra Jones, Edgeboro, asked Liztech Jewelry in East Stroudsburg, PA to create a Moravian Star pin as a fundraiser. Liztech, Musselman Jewelers in Bethlehem, and through Alice Mosebach, the Central Church office and Star and Candle Shop graciously sell our pins. The Lord has blessed this pin ministry with over 375 pins sold to date.

After the earthquake in April 2015, NMO was a part of the fund-raising effort with the British Province and Board of World missions to raise funds to purchase the Khokona church land as the previous rented building was damaged by the earthquake. The amount of 134,000 USD was raised, and the land transferred to the Moravians in January 2017.

Others

May 2010: Car purchased for the Pradhan's to assist in the needs of the ministry in partnership with Central Moravian Church (Dough and Carol retirement fund).

NMO also helped with:

Financial support to Pradhans in partnership with the British Province. Building the School Shed, Playground equipment.

Over the 8 years we were able to visit the US twice. All the traveling, boarding expense were born by the NMO team.

As we gradually bring the NMO ministry to a close, we feel nothing less than gratitude and awe for we experienced miracles every step of the way. Amazing people, beautiful memories, new relationships and ongoing ministries and so much more. When we all responded to fulfill the great commission to go out into the ends of the earth (Nepal), we trusted God all the way. We are very grateful to all the individuals, organizations and churches who sent out their missionaries to bless the ministry through their time and expertise. We believe God has touched their lives in ways only they can explain.

A special mention of gratitude to our present committee members:

Jack A Thomas, Rev. David Geyer, Sue Yoltz from College Hill Moravian Church, Alice and Craig Mosbach, Central Moravian Church, Myra Jones, Edgeboro Moravian Church, Rev. Judy Ganz from the Board of World Mission.

We also want to say thank you to the following people who have been a part of this mission work in their own special way.

Rev. Cynthia Geyer, Rich Harney, Nancy Harney, Linda Thomas from College Hill Moravian Church. Rev. Janel Rice, Hal Smith from Central Moravian Church, Debbie Smith, Jenny Minnich from Edgeboro Moravian Church, Rev. Will Sibert, Lisa Mixon, Thomas Baucom and Rev. Betsy Miller.

George Verwer, founder of Operation Mobilization in his book "Out of the Comfort Zone," writes about world missions and illustrates with a story about a young business man who often went on short mission trips, but at one point he was required to work harder instead, to make more money so others could continue with their work. This was not easy for him. But Verwer adds, "We need to act in the most strategic way we can to play our part in its fulfillment. We need to take ownership of the Great Commission for ourselves and look to God to guide us as to what our particular part in it will be."

We thank you for sharing this journey so far, as we continue to covet your prayers in the days to come. And we welcome your ongoing support of our work through the Board of World Mission (BWM). Donations can be sent to them at 1021 Center St, PO Box 1245, Bethlehem, PA 18016, or can be made on line at www.moravianmission.org/give. You can designate your gift for the ongoing programs of the school (Tuition Aid or Higher Education), Church or can give a general gift to meet the most need or for the school building project as it continues to grow each year. BWM will also continue to support Antioch servants who wish to serve in short-term mission in Nepal. If you have interest in this, you can contact Jill Kolodziej at jill@moravianmission.org.

We believe that each one of you has played your part and has been that special missionary, prayer partner, advisor, comforter, business person, friend, brother and sister in Christ. Again, thank you.

May Our Lord Jesus Christ Bless you,

Your brother and sister in Christ,
Rev. Shanti Kumar Pradhan
Rev. Vani Pradhan

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Music Committee

The music program at Central continued to expand this year because of the many gifts, talents and time that was given by so many people! Under the extraordinary leadership of Llyena Boylan, the music committee oversaw many wonderful projects and events. The committee meets six times during the year with sub-committees created when necessary.

Goals that were accomplished in 2017 include:

1. Create a book about the history of the music of Central Moravian Church.
 - a. Praise and Thanksgiving: For 275 Years of Music at Central Moravian Church was released on June 25, 2017, in celebration of the 275th Anniversary of Central Moravian Church. This book concluded four years of research and included memoirs, photos, and articles, many of which were submitted by more than one hundred members of the congregation or friends of Central Moravian Church. This 256 page book edited by Rebecca Kleintop Lepore is being sold through the church office and at the Moravian Book Shop.
2. More involvement of Central Church and Moravian College organ students in the music program at Central Moravian Church.
 - a. Becky Lepore is an adjunct faculty member of Moravian College and teaches classes, private organ lessons, hymnody, organ literature, and hymn improvisation to Moravian College Students.
 - b. Throughout the year, Moravian College students performed during the worship services of Central Moravian Church including the second Moravian College Music Sunday on September 18th.
 - c. Once per semester, Moravian College is holding their weekly performance class in our Sanctuary and specifically features organ students of Becky Lepore.
 - d. Four college students have become regular members of our choir, as well as several others who have offered

their gifts and talents during our worship services.

- e. Becky Lepore met with and created a Bible study for these incredible college students.
3. A Choir trip to Ohio in July.
4. A Johnston Memorial Concert featuring a full orchestra and choir performing Haydn's Harmoniemesse was held in October.
5. As a result of extraordinary generosity of congregation members during our capital campaign, a beautiful brand new Steinway piano (Model in 1098 in Mahogany) was purchased from Jacob's Music in Philadelphia and was installed in the Sanctuary balcony.

The Chapel Choir, under the direction of Richard Miller, has continued to bless the 9 a.m. worship services. In addition to the Chapel Choir, Richard Miller has done a beautiful job of creating a wide variety of musical offerings such as instrumentalists, soloists, duets, quartets, youth musicians, and a men's choir for the 9 a.m. service. Richard Miller also assisted in the service playing during the Holy Week and Christmas season. In September, Richard concluded his faithful service as the organist and choir director at the West Side Moravian Church.

The Central Moravian Brass Choir, under the spirited leadership of Central member Caitlin Heckman, plays the second Sunday of every month at the 11 a.m. worship service in addition to community events. This growing group consists of members and friends of Central Moravian Church, greatly enhances our worship experience, and has become a wonderful way of integrating young musicians into our music program.

The Men's Choir is a group of men from the Central Choir, Chapel Choir, and congregation members and friends of members that sings several times throughout the year. There is one rehearsal that takes place the morning of the worship service in which they sing.

The Central Church Choir is an amazing group of individuals who continue to give generously of their time and talents to both enhance our worship services and concerts, but also to provide musical outreach in the community. Each member contributes so much

above and beyond their music to this ensemble whether it be as choir officers, (Hank Naisby, president) quartet, (Cathy Spallitta, Deborah Leyshon-Brandt, David Charrier, and Bob Beck), librarians (Alice Mosebach and Karen Naisby) hospitality coordinators, (Karen Naisby and Linda Wickmann) spiritual devotions, musical ideas, and humor, just to name a few. Thank you for all you do, and for being such a blessing!

We are also blessed to have the **Bethlehem Area Moravian Trombone Choir**, under the direction of Don Kemmerer, as a part of our worship services here at Central Moravian Church. In addition to playing chorales from the belfry on the last Sunday of each month, Bach at Noon concerts and at various memorial services throughout the year, this choir, who is a valuable part of our Moravian musical heritage, plays in worship ten times a year: August 13th lovefeast, Children's Christmas Eve Lovefeast, New Year's Eve, first Sunday in Epiphany, Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday through Wednesday evening services during Holy Week and our Easter Dawn Service. Thank you to Don Kemmerer, Nancy Beitel-Vessels and the many members of the trombone choir. We look forward to many more years of being blessed by the Trombone Choir.

We were equally blessed by special music presented by the **Mainstreet Brass** (Palm Sunday, Easter, A Musical Christmas Extravaganza, Lessons and Carols, and Christmas Eve), and classical guitarist, **John Arnold** (Christmas Contemplative Worship).

CDs are selling well. One of our CDs (*An Old-Fashioned Moravian Christmas*) has officially sold out, and we have sold over 4500 *Christmas Eve at Central Moravian Church* CDs. These recordings are being sold in the church office, Star and Candle Shoppe, after concerts, through the mail, and at the Moravian Book Shop. All five (*Christmas Eve at Central Moravian Church*, *Favorite Hymns at Central*, *An Old-Fashioned Moravian Christmas*, *To God All Praise and Glory*, and *Be Still My Soul*) continue to sell successfully at the price of \$5 each in the church office. A portion of these sales are given back to the general operating budget of the church on an annual basis as well as to the choir checking account. I am grateful for the extraordinary gifts of Kelly Knapp who continues to be responsible for the accounting, inventory, filling CD orders and giving complete financial records of the CD account to George

Mowers, the Music Committee, and to the Board of Trustees.

Concerts at Central have continued to be a success in offering the gifts of local musicians as well as bringing visitors into our Old Chapel and Sanctuary. We are thankful that Karen and Tim Brady have provided leadership in preparing the Sanctuary and Chapel for concerts, handing out programs, collecting offering, and cleaning up after the concert.

Here is a sampling of the musical and Music Committee highlights that happened during 2017 in addition to the weekly musical offerings:

January

- Colin Worrich was trombone soloist on Sunday, January 15.

February

- Becky Lepore presented a short history on American Hymnody in the Kleiner Saal on Sunday afternoon, February 12, and featured soloists Cathy Spallitta, David Charrier, Luke DiGiacinto, and hearing the historic Erben organ.

March

- The United States Army Chorus presented a fantastic concert to a crowded Sanctuary on Sunday, March 5 at 4 p.m. Special thanks to Anthony Thompson for creating this connection.

April

- Central Moravian Church co-sponsored a chamber music concert on Friday, April 21, featuring the The Anglo-American Duo: American violinist Timothy Schwarz and British pianist Jane Beament. This concert was held in Moravian College's Peter Hall.

June

- The choir accompanied Hopeton Clennon to Moravian Hall Square in Nazareth on Sunday afternoon, June 4 for their communion service
- On the morning of June 25, we celebrated a lovefeast and the release of [Praise and Thanksgiving: For 275 Years of Music at Central Moravian Church](#) in honor of our 275th anniversary.
- Becky Lepore and Hopeton Clennon chaired

the 275th Anniversary Lovefeast of the Moravian Congregation of Bethlehem at Johnston Hall of Moravian College on the afternoon of June 25. The lovefeast included pastors, choir directors, organists, and sacristans from the Bethlehem Area Moravian Churches, a mass choir, a brass choir, and a youth brass choir.

- The Summer Choir sang every Sunday morning during the summers. This choir only rehearsed on Sunday morning and was open to anyone who wished to sing. The summer choir sang the introit, and a soloist sang the offertory. Soloists included Deborah Leyshon-Brandt, Greg Oaten, David Charrier, Bob Beck, Grace Spruiell-Hochella, Cathy Spallitta, Kelly Schmidt.

July

- The Men's Choir sang for the July 2 worship service.
- On July 6, 31 singers, family members, and friends of Central Moravian Church's Choir traveled to Ohio to celebrate First Moravian Church of Dover's 175th anniversary. Highlights of the trip included a tour of Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater in Pennsylvania, a stay at the historic Summit Inn Resort in Farmington, PA, a tour of the Warther Museum in Dover, Ohio, hours in rehearsals with musicians from seven Moravian churches in Ohio, a spectacular performance at Trumpet in the Land, a tour of the historic Schonebrunn Village, a dress rehearsal with full orchestra at the Performing Arts Center of Kent State University at Tuscarawas, a lovely dinner by the congregation of Schoenbrunn Moravian Church and seeing their newly installed pastor, Rev. Ben Lippert and his wife, Emily, a concert at the Performing Arts Center to perform for a sold-out crowd of 1,100 enthusiastic audience members, a celebratory Sunday morning worship service at the First Moravian Church in Dover (with Bobby Owens and Graydon Wascura joining with their brass band), and our final stop, the Flight 93 Memorial in Bedford County. This choir trip was a journey filled with powerful reminders of great sacrifice, examples of tremendous unity, and the reminder of unending hope. What a tremendous blessing to fellowship and sing with fellow Moravians

from Ohio, and to sing praises to God, our Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer.

- Becky Owens became Becky Lepore on July 22 when she married Ralph Lepore.
- The Women's Choir sang on Sunday, July 31.

August

- The 2017-2018 music brochure was printed and distributed. This was the twelfth year of producing a widely distributed poster-style, color music brochure that detailed the musical events, worship services and ensembles for 2017-2018.
- A choir family picnic was held at Deb and Bob Brandt's home.

September

- Moravian College Music Sunday was celebrated at both the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship services on Sunday, September 17. Moravian College students Kayleigh Bennett, Charlotte Finnerty, and Kimberly Leamon were soloists.
- The High School Handbell Choir played on Sunday, September 17 at the 11 a.m. worship service.

October

- The Johnston Memorial Festival Concert was held on Sunday afternoon, October 8 in the Sanctuary. The Central Moravian Church Choir and Festival Orchestra, under the direction of Maestro Donald Spieth, presented Haydn's Harmoniemesse and Haydn's Organ Concerto in F Major. Soloists included Cathy Spallitta, Stephanie Heavens, Deborah Leyshon-Brandt, Kelly Schmidt, Greg Oaten, David Charrier, Bob Beck, and Jeremy Galyon.

November

- Nora Suggs, flute, and John Arnold, classical guitar, played for the November 12th lovefeast at the 11 a.m. worship service.
- Moravian College performance class was held in the Sanctuary on Tuesday morning, November 28 and featured two organ students of Becky Lepore.

December

- Hopeton Clennon and Becky Lepore presented a Moravian Music Experiences to a tour bus in the Old Chapel during the second week of December.
- Central Moravian Church presented “A Musical Christmas Extravaganza” on Saturday, December 2 at 1:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Rt. Rev. Hopeton Clennon read scriptures, Becky Lepore was organist, the Central Moravian Church Choir sang, Michael Krem was the Morning Star soloist, and the Mainstreet Brass provided special music to a very full house. Special thanks to the sacristans and to the candlemakers for providing beeswax candles.
- The Chapel Choir joined the choirs of Edgeboro and West Side and sang for the Advent Lovefeast and Candlelight Service at West Side Moravian Church on Sunday evening, December 3.
- A German and English Advent Singstunde was held on Tuesday, December 5 in the Old Chapel and was presented by Dr. Paul Peucker of the Moravian Archives (and our Central Church Choir) and Gwyn Michel of the Moravian Music Foundation with members of the Central Moravian Choir.
- Members of the Chapel Choir and the Central Choir sang for Corinne Chase’s memorial service on Saturday, December 9.
- A Contemplative Worship service was held on Monday, December 11 in the Chapel, and featured classical guitarist, John Arnold and pianist, Becky Lepore.
- Graydon Wascura, trumpet, and Bobby Owens and Ethan Ferrey, trombone, played for the partaking of lovefeast and postlude for the Children’s Christmas Eve Lovefeast.
- On Christmas Eve, Michael Krem, Claire Phillips, and Hannah Recchiuti-Quier were Morning Star soloists. The Bethlehem Area Trombone Choir provided prelude music for the Children’s Lovefeast. Donald Spieth conducted two very special Christmas Eve Vigils with string orchestra, Mainstreet Brass, timpani, and the Central Moravian Church Choir with soloists Cathy Spallitta, Deborah Leyshon-Brandt, Dave Charrier, Greg Oaten, Bob Beck, and Jeffrey Williams presented the choir anthems.

- Richard Miller graciously played the organ for both the Christmas morning service and for the New Year’s Eve service.

This expansive music ministry would not be possible without the dedication and support of so many congregation members. Again, I want to extend a special thank you to those of you singing in the choirs, playing instruments, providing special solo music, playing the organ, directing musical ensembles, ushering and handing out programs for concerts, assisting with publicity and marketing, and helping in a multitude of ways “behind the scenes.” I am grateful to the pastoral staff, to the music committee and to the church staff for their many hours of continued support, encouragement, help and extraordinary ideas. It is because of all of you that this music program can minister to our church, our community, both near and far, and can continue to build up the Body of Christ here on earth.

Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Owens, Director of Music

Music Committee members: Llyena Boylan, Chair;
Rt. Rev. C. Hopeton Clennon, Jeanne Bednarik, Don Brown, Louisa Frey, Ken Kodama, Richard Miller, Alice Mosebach, Hank Naisby, Rebecca Lepore, Tom Tenges

Social Action Committee

We thank the strong and dedicated members of our church for another year of promoting good partnerships with our community and church agencies as well as creative projects that raised awareness in the areas of environmental concern, homelessness, hunger, and poverty.

We continue to value the good ministry of many agencies in the area and are fortunate to work with them. We have attempted to recruit more volunteers for efforts such as the Emergency Shelter.

A List of our Community and Church Partners and our Ministry Together in 2017:

- **Fair Trade Coffee Project:** (monthly sales of coffee and other products which benefit small farmers working sustainable farms, promotion

of this idea of commerce). This year the project has transferred hands from AnneMarie and Jim Whildin to Beth Davis. We thank the Whildins for their many years of service.

- **The Bethlehem Interfaith Resettlement Committee** consists of members from five local churches uniting to sponsor refugees to the Lehigh Valley. Central Church provides 20 volunteers who tutor our refugee family of seven, take them to medical appointments, help them at school, monitor finances, and acclimate them to life in America. The family has moved to a bigger apartment and has taken over many of the day to day tasks that the Committee assisted with. We joined with the Busy Workers at a shower for their new baby this summer.
- **Central Food Pantry:** (see separate report).
- **Cynthia's Boutique** is ably led by Charlie McGorry and Gina Kelechava. The Boutique's monthly clothing distribution averages about 40 customers. They also have given clothing to Goodwill, ARM, organizations that benefit women returning to the workforce and several special needs cases. Their newest endeavor is working with Esperanza: setting up a clothing distribution area and organizing clothing and other donated goods that are being offered to Esperanza members and their families coming to the area as climate refugees from Puerto Rico. It's been a successful and rewarding year for the Boutique and they are grateful for a close relationship with the Food Pantry.
- **Bethlehem Emergency Cold-Weather Shelter:** Rose Warner was our overall coordinator for the 2016-17 shelter, with weekly coordinators Peter Behrens, Peter Diehl (East Hills), Janice Ostock, and Michelle Walters, and supplies coordinators Don and Jacque Jean. Rose provided strong leadership and many, many hours of volunteering. We provided shelter Saturday evenings and also opened for a longer period for snowstorms. We averaged 15 women most nights. Rose was able to recruit volunteers from a number of groups besides Central, including students from Ursinus College, but volunteers are always needed, especially for overnights this year. For the 2017-18 season, the shelter has moved to one central site at Christ Church UCC and includes both men and women, which means a much larger group

to feed (close to 90). Central is in charge of the second and third Saturdays of the month. Although there is now an overnight security person, we still need volunteers for many tasks!

- **Bread for the World:** our offering of letters this year used postcards with a message to our members of Congress, encouraging them to continue budget support for programs (WIC, SNAP, etc.) that help provide food for those in need. We also donated \$400. Rose Warner led this effort.
- **Church World Service:** (promotion of CROP Walk in October, over \$4,000 raised from Central). Despite rain and scheduling conflicts with the Johnston Memorial Festival Concert, the walk went well, and teens from Central joined the walking group. Thanks again to Helen Foraste for her CROP Walk leadership.
- **Moravian Open Door:** (annual gift of \$400, congregational awareness).
- **Esperanza/BAM Ministries:** Hurricane Relief. Central gathered donations of household goods for families coming to Bethlehem from Puerto Rico. Committee members helped with packing welcome kits at Esperanza.
- **Community Services for Children and Esperanza:** Central Santas in November gave 165 gifts of warm clothing and books to needy children in the Lehigh Valley from CSC and Esperanza.
- **Victory House:** (congregational awareness, volunteers for meals, annual gift of \$400, plus \$100 in kitchen supplies, bath sandals, umbrellas).
- **New Bethany Ministries:** (congregational awareness, participated in Luminaria night, annual gift of \$400, volunteers).
- **Northeast Ministry:** \$400 for summer program.

In addition to our work with partners, the Social Action Committee ran our annual discussion group called Travelers' Together in January and February on the topic of Difficult Conversations, under the direction of the Rev. Maggie Wellert and Hank Naisby. The discussions and book were focused on helping people have caring conversations.

We attempted to continue fostering concern for our environment in various ways. For *Caring for Creation*,

we had a workshop on backyard gardening with native plants with Mare Ashford. We planted 27 American Chestnut trees at Christian Spring, with guidance from Bill Sachs. Mary Jo Hill and Peg Church contributed articles to *The Belfry* to help people think about ways to support the environment. We have had discussions with the Green Faith organization to help us think about more ways our congregation can be better stewards of our environment.

In August, we helped host the Central Chautauqua on the Birds and the Bees. We thank Steve Krawiec for his able leadership. We also thank Priscilla and Rett Oren for their presentation on birdwatching and Kelly Knapp and Gaby Dee for their presentation on beekeeping. 35 people attended.

In September, we hosted a bus trip to the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, DC. Hopeton arranged for a guided tour, and we were lucky enough to be there on the first anniversary of the museum.

We thank our dedicated committee and congregation for an excellent year of caring and action.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janice Ostock and Joan Carson, Co-Chairs

Foundations—The Campaign for Central Moravian Church’s 275th Anniversary

The Campaign for Central Moravian Church’s 275th Anniversary was publicly launched at an open forum on Sunday, October 9 in 2016. The campaign, which began with an excellent foundation of \$306,000 from pledges received earlier in the year during its silent phase, closed out 2016 with 108 pledges totaling approximately \$650,000—more than two-thirds of its overall goal of \$825,000! By the beginning of April, 2017, pledges totaled \$725,000, and on June 23, two days before the 275th Anniversary of the organization of the Moravian congregation in Bethlehem, Tidings of Great Joy! *Foundations* reached its goal with total pledges exceeding \$825,000. In early August, donor acknowledgements were joyfully mailed to all members of the congregation and to Central’s friends and local business partners who supported the campaign.

Campaign Results. With the time for pledging now largely past, we are pleased to report that by year’s end, *Foundations* had received 207 pledges totaling \$854,728.91, and that 128 of these pledges have been fulfilled. It is noteworthy that the campaign received 18 pledges from local business partners and friends of Central. We continue to explore foundation grants for additional funding for selected campaign-related projects.

With more than 63% of the total pledged amount in hand, a number of projects have already been undertaken, including replacement of the HVAC system at the church office with a new high-efficiency unit; installation of new energy-efficient cove lighting in the Sanctuary; the purchase of a Steinway piano for the Sanctuary choir loft; installation of a new amplification system in the C. E. Building basement; and the creation of a new landscape design for the Sanctuary by a professional landscape architect. Additional projects to be funded by the *Foundations* campaign are in the planning phase.

A Look Back at Previous Capital Campaigns. In speaking with Central members about our *Foundations* campaign, we have sometimes been asked about the outcomes of past capital campaigns. We thought that sharing a retrospective summary of our most recent capital campaigns would provide an informative context for *Foundations*.

Central has conducted three other capital campaigns since 2005: (1) *Steps to the Future* in 2005, (2) *To God All Praise and Glory* in 2007, and (3) *With Heart and Hands and Voices* in 2011.

Steps to the Future received 202 gifts totaling \$487,368, exceeding its goal of \$475,000. The campaign was undertaken in preparation for the 200th anniversary of the completion of the Sanctuary in 1806. Funds were raised for the creation of an architectural record of the Sanctuary which would be needed for rebuilding in the event of a disaster, and to return the Sanctuary’s brownstone steps, its auxiliary steps, and the stone retaining wall bordering Church Street and Main Street to their original appearance and configuration. A Steps endowment was created from unexpended campaign funds for continuing maintenance of the brownstone steps.

To God All Praise and Glory received 242 gifts totaling \$535,578, exceeding its goal of \$350,000 by a generous margin. Funds were raised for the refurbishing and digital enhancement of the Sanctuary organ, for the purchase of a new Chapel organ, and for the creation of an endowment for the future maintenance and augmentation of Central's three organs. This endowment consists of both restricted and unrestricted gifts.

With Heart and Hands and Voices received 130 gifts totaling \$630,102, exceeding its goal of \$400,000 by a generous margin. Funds were raised for renovation of the parsonage, exterior and interior painting of the Sanctuary, interior painting of the Chapel, and for repairs to the Sanctuary windows. An important secondary goal was the addition of \$150,000 to Central's Preservation Fund. In the event, the campaign was able to add an additional \$250,000 to the Preservation Fund.

Will Central ever be in a position to dispense with capital campaigns? This is a fair question, but with an unknowable answer. For the more immediate future, periodic capital campaigns are likely to remain a necessary vehicle for funding major capital improvements and mission programs to guarantee the future of this wonderful legacy of which we are currently stewards.

Celebrating Success. During the 11 o'clock worship service on October 15, the congregation formally celebrated the successful conclusion of the ***Foundations*** campaign. Produced and directed by our own Jim Whildin, with digital hardware and special effects donated by Alex Newell and First Generation Visual Communication, Inc., the many Central members and groups who were instrumental in ensuring the campaign's success were given starring roles. If you were unable to attend but remember Jim's production of "Raising the Roof" a little more than a decade ago, you will have some inkling of what you missed. But fret not; Bob Brown created a video recording of the proceedings for posterity. In closing, it is with sincere gratitude that we thank our Trustees, Elders and staff for their active support throughout the campaign, and especially Hopeton Clennon, Lee Williamson and members of the Campaign Steering Committee for their prayerful participation in planning the campaign. We are

especially grateful for the unwavering support of so many members and friends of our congregation. Your generosity and commitment to securing Central's future has been awesome!

Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Zug and Bill Sachs
Campaign Co-Chairs

International Student Care Committee

In June of 2015 Central Moravian Church agreed to partner with Moravian College to bring qualified international student(s) from the worldwide Moravian Church to Bethlehem to earn a Bachelor's Degree at the College. The students are designated as Barnette Scholars. The College will provide full tuition, room and board for two qualified students every other year. Central will cover the cost of transportation to Bethlehem and home at the end of their studies, books and other incidental expenses.

The International Student Care Committee was formed to provide local support for the Barnette Scholars. Such support includes administering the funds designated to their financial support; to serve as local "family" to the students; seeking home visits for them during holiday breaks; and other needs that arise to help them while they are students at Moravian.

Jackson Mlimuka from Tanzania and Joshua Pradhan from Nepal have completed three semesters at Moravian. Jackson is a Marketing major, and Joshua is studying Business Administration with a minor in music. During the summer of 2017 they both worked at the College and took two courses each. Joshua traveled home to Nepal for Winter break; Jackson stayed in Bethlehem and took a course. We are blessed to have such conscientious and outstanding young men as our first Barnette Scholars.

Nahum Pradhan from Nepal has already been accepted as a Barnette Scholar and will begin studies in August, 2018. Nahum is the son of the Revs. Vani and Shanti Pradhan. Vani served as a pastoral intern at Central when she was studying at Moravian Theological Seminary 2006-2009. We look forward to welcoming Nahum in August.

Lucy Ngara from Tanzania is in the process of

applying to Moravian for 2018. We pray that her application process will be successful.

The ISCC Committee (The Mamas and the Papas) includes: Mike and Myra Jones (Edgeboro Moravian Church), Linda and Jack Thomas (College Hill Moravian Church); Shelia and Hopeton Clennon, Steve and Margaret Krawiec, Pam Larimer, Mia Mecleary, Craig and Alice Mosebach, Jeff Mosebach (Central Moravian Church).

Respectfully Submitted,
Alice Mosebach

Board of Trustees

Last year my objectives, which I shared at our annual Church Council meeting, were to complete a successful fund drive, the sale of Christian Spring, a revision to help downsize the Church Council report (our Cindy never complains!) and to continue to make myself available for the challenges the Lord might assign to us! I also invited you to call me, email me or speak with me personally to answer any of your questions. I appreciate that you have done so and I believe our relationships are healthy as a result of this open dialogue.

Trustees have had another busy year with managing the temporal affairs of the Church. The board consists of fourteen members. It is a fine group of talented individuals with expertise in education, business and leadership. Some have specific backgrounds in finance, business management, marketing, and real estate. Each month the meeting agenda includes reports from the president, senior pastor, and the various standing committees which provide oversight of our church's operations. You will find a yearly summary of those reports in other sections of this Church Council record.

Monthly, elders read Trustees' Minutes and trustees read Elders' Minutes; this enables each board to be apprised of what each is discussing and accomplishing. Additionally, a trustee is assigned to attend a monthly meeting of elders and likewise, an elder is invited to attend a trustees monthly meeting.

George Mowers, our financial secretary, provides the board with complete financial reports each month. He must be thanked by all of us for his dedication, vast

knowledge and financial expertise. Kelly Knapp has been assisting him part time for the past couple of years and we have found their collaboration to be seamless and efficient.

Much has been accomplished and our 2018 schedule is anticipated to also be quite busy. As a result of the success of the Foundation's fund raising campaign, specific funds are expected to be spent on the projects which were designated for implementation this year.

Recently, I was asked by a Central member to explain "how do the trustees work through tough board decisions?"

Trustee meetings include discussion and decision making where the majority are usually in agreement. From time to time I believe every board faces tough decisions which can be perplexing to each of us. And at those times we may not be in total agreement! If this is the case, we redefine the issue so everyone understands the background, the facts and the possible options. Perhaps we invite a committee member knowledgeable on the issue to the meeting to answer remaining questions. Everyone is encouraged to participate. Then we confront the tough points and ask if there is agreement on any of the ideas that have been recommended. I believe it is imperative that we find a solution, on which the majority of board members can agree, before we implement the decision. Thank you for your interest in how trustees reach consensus in handling the business side of our Church's affairs.

As indicated in my report last year, under the leadership of Terry Worrich, the house and property at Christian Spring was to be listed for sale. The property was sold in June with the proceeds reimbursing the Church for all costs expended on the property. The remaining funds were deposited in the Elizabeth Johnston Prime Fund which is administered by our Investment Committee.

Annually, at the February meeting of Trustees, new members are present for the first time since their confirmation at January's Church Council. The term of office for board members is three years with eligibility for election to an immediate second term.

Departing trustees now at the end of their terms are Don Brown, John Mast and Rob Phillips. Each of them has been an outstanding member of our team and I

have been extremely privileged to have had the opportunity to work with them.

Don has been a very active vice president and my right hand. He has also chaired the Personnel and Investment Committees. His priority has always been to place our Church affairs first and we thank him for his leadership and support. He will continue as Investment Chairman.

John, as a long-time member of Central, is completing his second 6-year term on Trustees. This time he has chaired the 63 West Church Committee and has been active with Building and Grounds. He was on the Foundations Steering Committee and actively helped to make it a success. His generous spirit and ongoing leadership have been evident at Central for many years. John will continue to chair the 63 West Church Committee.

Rob, as our treasurer and Chair of Budget and Finance, has never been known to waiver in his responsibilities or in the explanation and duties of fiscal prudence. Each of you has received his quarterly updates filled with pertinent financial information and encouragement. Behind the scenes he has actively negotiated contracts with great skill and outstanding savings to the Church. Thank you Rob for your committed leadership and service.

During the Summer, Glenn Noack advised that he would step down from Trustees due to professional obligations. We welcomed Tom Tenges who agreed to complete Glenn's term.

I would be remiss if I did not take the opportunity to say thank you to Pastor Hopeton and Pastor Lynnette, Becky, Cindy, George, Kelly, Mike, John, Richard and Martha for their outstanding support and dedication to our congregation. They live our Moravian Motto of "In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty and in all things LOVE".

Many thanks too to all of you our members, committee chairs and members, and Elders and Trustees for your hard work, cooperation and enthusiasm on behalf of our church.

In closing, at Central, we will continue to do God's work wherever he leads us to the very best of our ability. God bless all.

Respectively Submitted,
Anne M. Zug, President, Board of Trustees

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee retained the services of Campbell, Rappold & Yurasits, LLP to audit the general, special and investment accounts of the Church for the fiscal year which ended December 31, 2016. This firm has been the Church's auditor for a number of years, and this provides familiarity and continuity in reviewing our financial records and controls. As has been the case for years in the past, Campbell, Rappold & Yurasits issued a clean report with respect to fiscal year 2016. The clean report provides assurance that our records are accurate and maintained in a timely manner. The only qualifying note pertains to the auditor's observation that we do not have a separate committee to independently verify the financial records prepared by our Treasurer, such as would be expected for larger corporations and organizations whose financial affairs are much larger and more complicated than those of Central Moravian Church. However, this absence of a separate independent committee is typical of smaller charitable organizations which cannot justify the additional cost of this compliance. This circumstance facing smaller charitable organizations is recognized by auditors. Although they are required to make note of this circumstance in their audit findings, it is not a material efficiency. Otherwise, our financial protocols are appropriate, consistent and observed. A copy of the Audit is available in the Church Office for review.

Members of your Audit Committee are as follows: Bishop Hopeton Clennon, George Mowers, Steven Schlack (Elder), Mia Mecleary (Trustee), Anthony R. Thompson (Trustee).

A special notice of thanks to George Mowers is appropriate. George's diligence and commitment to serving our congregation is appreciated. The accurate and complete records which George maintains permit the auditors to have a clear and uncomplicated review of our financial records. This greatly assisted our auditors' timely issuance of an unqualified positive opinion in connection with the annual audit.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anthony R. Thompson, Chair

Fundraising Committee

The Fundraising Committee's charge as outlined in the 2017 budget approved by Church Council last January, was to raise \$5,000 to support Central Moravian Church's mission. To meet that goal, the committee developed the following projects: the 2018 Church Calendar with the theme of "Places of Faith and Witness", the 275th Anniversary Apron, and the Bulletin Sponsorship. The committee, also with the Board of Elders' approval, established *The Shoppe on the Greene* where the 2018 Church Calendar, framed photos from the Church Calendar and the 275th Anniversary Apron were sold. We were also pleased to have the Peanut Makers, History Committee, Music Committee and Fair Trade Coffee Project participate in the *Shoppe on the Greene*. This was a wonderful collaborative effort that we hope to continue next year. In addition, The Star and Candle Shoppe, Busy Workers, and Moravian Book Shop graciously agreed to sell the calendars and aprons. Central Moravian Church Artists also contributed from their sales at Christkindlmarkt. The committee wishes to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all the individuals who so generously contributed in a variety of ways to our efforts.

The Committee is pleased to share that our goal has been met. As of December 31, 2017, \$5,719 has been raised. The Committee wishes to express its sincere gratitude to the congregation and Joint Board for their ongoing support.

The Committee will continue its efforts in 2018 with a 2019 Church Calendar with the theme of "People Make A Difference", the Bulletin Sponsorship, as well as exciting new items and opportunities for fellowship. Please watch for announcements with more details and make plans to visit the *Shoppe on the Greene* in coming months!

I would like to take this opportunity to give my sincere thanks to the members of the committee who so willingly gave of their time, talents, and resources. It was a privilege to be on this committee with these remarkable individuals.

Respectfully Submitted,
Camie Modjadidi, Chair

Committee Members: Llyena Boylan, Hopeton Clennon, Lyn Chynoweth, Don Jean, Jacque Jean, Hank Naisby, Rob Phillips, Ann Raines, Carol Reifinger, Mary Catherine Tachovsky, Anne Zug

Investment Committee

The Investment Committee meets on a quarterly schedule in January, April, July, and October to evaluate the performance of the Church's portfolio and make purchases, sales or any needed adjustments. Members of the committee include Ann Raines, Mark Parseghian, Hal Smith, David Weikert, Anne Zug, and Don Brown.

The committee is assisted by Wayne Achey, a Senior Vice President of Investments at Merrill Lynch, and a Central member. As a financial adviser, Mr. Achey prepares presentations for the quarterly committee meetings that give the members several suggestions and options that they can consider and evaluate to help maximize the stability and return of the portfolio.

Monthly investment reports of the portfolio from Merrill Lynch are provided to each member of the committee and also to the Financial Secretary. Investment results are shared with the Board of Trustees through the Financial Secretary's monthly Board report. The Board is also informed on the Committee's actions by reports on the quarterly meetings.

The Committee met with the new President of the Moravian Ministries Foundation, Chris Spaugh to get an update on the Moravian Common Fund and his renewed push for Donor Advised Funds. The following table indicates the opening and closing balances of our managed funds as well as increasing amounts that were withdrawn from the accounts to help cover church expenses in 2017. The E. Johnston Prime Fund reflects the balance after the final payment for the Christian Spring property in 2017. The Preservation Growth Fund is a new Mutual Fund that was set up in 2017 to grow over time.

Central Funds	Opening Balance on January 1, 2017	Closing Balance on December 29, 2017	Funds withdrawn to support projects and the Church Budget
Endowment Fund	3,423,647	3,686,220	171,085
Preservation Income	35,817	55,723	73,170
Holding Account	19,253	30,874	2,000
Central Mission	42,753	61,352	- 0 -
Central Steps	272,646	303,365	- 0 -
Preservation Fund	1,075,963	1,187,583	- 0 -
E. Johnston Prime Fund	388,604	735,660	34,185
Preservation Growth Fund	0	162,504	- 0 -

The Investment Committee operates within a set of guidelines that help keep the investments balanced in a combination of stocks, bonds, and funds that promote diversification to help balance risk. These guidelines were updated in 2017 to make them current. Many thanks to the committee members who help keep our portfolio strategy on course.

Respectfully Submitted,
Don Brown, Chair

Stewardship Committee

2017 Results: Each year, the Stewardship Committee spends much of their effort on an annual fund appeal to inform members on the use of their annual financial support to the church operating budget. The 2017 Budget was adopted by the Church Council in January 2017. It called for financial contributions from members and friends of \$535,000, which represented an increase of \$8,303 (1.58%) from the 2016 budget. The total amount given from members and friends as of December 31, 2017, was \$498,913.

Financial contributions from members and friends consist of payments on pledges, dollars given from members who do not pledge (outright gifts), offering plate contributions from visitors who attend services, and contributions to the operating budget given by some of the church groups who raise money through their group activities. In 2017, contributions from members and friends represented 59% of the total dollars needed to support the church operations.

2018 Church Budget – Contributions from Members and Friends of Central

The 2018 Church Council will be asked to approve the 2018 operating budget. The amount budgeted to come from contributions from members and friends is \$530,000. This is a decrease of \$5,000 from last year. As of December 31, 2017, \$332,411 has been pledged from 182 household giving units. We need to receive an additional non-pledged support of \$197,589 from members and friends to meet our budgeted contributions from the members and friends line item. Our current pledged support, represents 63% of the contributions needed from members to meet the 2018 operating budget. In past years, members have pledged 58% or more, by the end of December.

Many thanks to those who have already pledged their financial support and to the members of the Stewardship Committee: Joan Carson, Louisa Frey, Steve Krawiec, Hank Naisby, Rob Phillips, Tom Tenges, Michelle Trent, Dave Weikert, and Pastors Hopeton Clennon and Lynnette Delbridge. Special thanks to George Mowers and Martha Jones for helping to assemble numbers.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Upton, Chair

Contribution Analysis

GIVING RANGES	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
less than \$1	166	94	83	134	153	158	217	210	219	244	268
1 - 100	125	114	116	112	93	106	106	85	73	73	67
101 - 200	46	60	54	50	59	42	41	52	34	31	37
201 - 300	55	45	42	55	48	39	43	44	34	46	43
301 - 400	32	37	37	28	28	39	27	25	21	17	25
401 - 500	28	30	30	35	31	20	16	29	32	30	19
501 - 600	33	33	30	29	24	23	28	18	22	23	23
601 - 700	20	22	17	13	15	19	8	15	10	9	9
701 - 800	21	17	11	16	15	18	19	17	11	15	12
801 - 900	13	12	13	11	10	5	11	6	7	9	7
901-1000	11	15	16	16	14	11	12	12	9	11	7
1001 - 1100	12	14	22	25	15	12	9	11	12	5	10
1101 - 1200	21	14	10	7	15	7	17	11	14	10	20
1201 - 1300	9	16	11	6	16	13	7	9	11	13	7
1301 - 1400	11	6	8	10	3	9	7	8	5	10	5
1401 - 1500	12	6	7	10	8	9	5	10	7	9	13
1501 - 2000	36	43	31	33	29	31	31	32	31	30	27
2001 - 3000	37	33	40	44	38	35	40	37	34	38	35
3001 - 4000	22	24	23	17	18	19	16	9	12	9	13
4001 - 5000	7	11	11	12	11	9	12	11	10	14	4
5001 - 7500	12	10	11	10	7	5	10	9	9	9	13
7501 - 10000	4	3	4	0	1	2	1	2	1	2	1
>10000	3	4	3	3	4	6	4	4	4	3	3
Total Giving Units (1)	736	663	630	676	655	637	687	666	622	660	668
Average Contribution (2)	\$857	\$967	\$1,009	\$854	\$837	\$899	\$778	\$783	\$791	\$749	\$747
Total Contributions	\$631,022	\$641,122	\$635,363	\$577,593	\$548,389	\$572,748	\$534,720	\$521,311	\$492,078	\$494,292	\$498,913
(1) Number of giving units as those assigned by contribution envelope numbers											
(2) Total giving divided by giving units											
Units giving \$500 or less	452	380	362	414	412	404	450	445	413	441	459
% \$500 or less	61.41%	57.32%	57.46%	61.24%	62.90%	63.42%	65.50%	66.82%	66.40%	66.82%	68.71%
Units giving over \$500	284	283	268	262	243	233	237	221	209	219	209
% over \$500	38.59%	42.68%	42.54%	38.76%	37.10%	36.58%	34.50%	33.18%	33.60%	33.18%	31.29%

Budget and Finance

Reviewing the past several years, a disturbing trend of deficits had continued regarding the Operating Budget of Central Moravian Church. However, excitingly, that trend was reversed as **Fiscal Year 2017** ended with a surplus of \$2,240.

Total Income was under budget by \$9,110 or 1.1%.

Throughout the year, **Envelope Giving** was consistently below budget requirements and ended the year \$36,087 or 6.7% under budget. This had serious implications for the Budget and Finance Committee in establishing the 2018 Budget.

Other Contributions (other gifts, special envelopes, and cash plate offering) were over budget by \$9,878 or 10.2%, but not enough to offset the shortfall in envelopes.

Institutional Receipts (Moravian College, Moravian Academy, ArtsQuest, Bach Choir, 63 W. Church Street rental, and wedding income) were over budget by \$8,150 or 8.3%.

Endowment Income was also over budget by \$8,949 or 7.6%, thus helping with the envelope shortfall.

Total Expenses, on a positive note, were under budget by \$11,350 or 1.3%.

Expenses for **Salary and Benefits** were slightly over budget by \$3,328 or 0.8%.

Facilities-Operations were under budget by \$14,108 or 12.9% due to utility cost savings for gas and electric in all buildings in 2017.

Facilities-Maintenance expenses were under budget by \$3,452 or 4.6% due to major projects being funded through the 275th Capital Campaign.

Expenses for **Total Programs** were slightly under budget by \$256 or 0.3%.

Church Office Administration expenses came in over budget this year by \$3,140 or 9.4% due to increased publication costs and additional mailings of *The Belfry*.

In 2017, Central paid 100% of the amount requested for the **Province & District Administration and Benevolent Ministries**, a decrease from the previous year of \$1,162 or .01%.

Total Income less Capital Projects Income increased over last year by \$32,471 finishing at \$838,555. **Total Expenses less Capital Projects Expenses** increased over last year by \$12,267 finishing at \$836,315. As a result, Fiscal Year 2017 ended with a surplus of \$2,240 which will carry over to FY2018.

Capital Projects, although not part of the Operating Budget, totaled \$50,239 for capital improvements to buildings on the Church Street Campus. These projects were funded by income from the Preservation Fund. Moravian Academy reimbursements totaled \$4,606 for their share of the CE Building projects.

George Mowers, Financial Secretary
Robert Phillips, Treasurer and Chair, Budget and Finance Committee

CENTRAL MORAVIAN CHURCH
Financial Disclosure
For the year ended December 31, 2017

	2014	2015	2016	2017	17 vs 16	2017		
	Actual (Rounded)	Actual (Rounded)	Actual (Rounded)	Actual (Rounded)	Change (Rounded)	Budget (Rounded)	Actual +/- %	Budget \$
Beginning Balance	1,487	0	-0	-0				
<u>INCOME</u>								
Envelope Giving	521,311	508,559	507,877	498,913	-8,964	535,000	-6.7%	-36,087
Other Contributions	83,570	88,911	97,357	106,289	8,932	96,411	10.2%	9,878
Capital Projects Income	175,704	17,555	21,947	50,239	28,292	0		
Institutional Receipts	85,145	89,945	85,802	106,364	20,561	98,214	8.3%	8,150
Endowment Income	118,170	110,054	115,048	126,989	11,942	118,040	7.6%	8,949
TOTAL INCOME	\$983,900	\$815,024	\$828,031	\$888,794		\$847,665		
Less Capital Projects Income	-175,704	-17,555	-21,947	-50,239		0		
NET TOTAL INCOME	\$808,196	\$797,469	\$806,084	\$838,555	32,471	\$847,665	-1.1%	-9,110
<u>EXPENSES</u>								
Pastoral Staff Sal. & Ben	192,693	172,878	194,560	199,401	4,841	199,368	0.0%	33
Music Staff Sal. & Ben.	71,920	77,207	80,205	81,654	1,449	81,948	-0.4%	-294
Support Staff Sal. & Ben.	142,836	150,888	157,935	162,140	4,205	158,552	2.3%	3,588
Total Salary & Benefits	\$407,449	\$400,972	\$432,700	\$443,196	10,496	\$439,868	0.8%	3,328
Total Facilities - Operations	\$103,288	\$106,645	\$97,620	\$95,647	-1,973	\$109,755	-12.9%	-14,108
Total Facilities - Maintenance	\$79,255	\$93,827	\$75,457	\$71,757	-3,699	\$75,209	-4.6%	-3,452
Capital Projects Expense	\$175,704	\$17,555	\$21,947	\$50,239	28,292	\$0		
Ministry & Worship Program	27,009	18,765	21,389	29,768	8,379	26,174	13.7%	3,594
Music Program	34,517	34,493	35,257	35,483	226	35,237	0.7%	246
Christian Education Program	7,918	6,991	6,141	7,433	1,292	10,424	-28.7%	-2,991
Mission & Outreach Program	17,520	16,062	15,637	14,795	-842	15,900	-7.0%	-1,105
Total Programs	\$86,964	\$76,312	\$78,424	\$87,479	9,055	\$87,735	-0.3%	-256
Total Church Office Administration	\$32,744	\$30,213	\$37,019	\$36,570	-449	\$33,430	9.4%	3,140
Total Province & District	\$114,010	\$103,964	\$102,829	\$101,668	-1,162	\$101,668	-0.0%	0
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$999,414	\$829,488	\$845,995	\$886,554		\$847,665		
Less Capital Projects Expense	-175,704	-17,555	-21,947	-50,239		0		
NET TOTAL EXPENSES	\$823,709	\$811,932	\$824,047	\$836,315	12,267	\$847,665	-1.3%	-11,350
Current year surplus(deficit)	-15,514	-14,464	-17,964	2,240		0		
Adjustment from reserves (1)(2)(4)(6)	13,257	14,439	17,964	0		0		
Adjustment from Prior Year (3)(5)	2,257	25	0	0				
Net surplus(deficit)	\$0	-\$0	-\$0	\$2,240		\$0		
Ending Balance	0	-0	-0	2,240				

- (1) In FY2013, \$5,250 was taken from 2012 surplus for HHV Campaign contributions entered as Envelope Giving in 2012
- (2) In FY2014, \$13,257 was taken from Undesignated & Memorials Funds to balance the Budget
- (3) In FY2014, \$2,257 was transferred from Prior Year Surplus to balance the Budget
- (4) In FY2015, \$14,439 was taken from Undesignated & Memorials Funds to balance the Budget
- (5) In FY2015, \$25 was transferred from Prior Year Surplus to balance the Budget
- (6) In FY2016, \$17,964 was taken from undesignated funds to balance the Budget

2018 Budget Overview

The 2018 budget is substantially similar to the 2017 budget with some enhanced program areas. This is very good news: we both continue and expand the many ministries of Central Moravian Church on our campus, in our community, and in the world. As in prior years, we reviewed each line item and budget request to ensure that we were being prudent with our resources for this new budget year.

Income:

Envelope Giving and Other Contributions are budgeted for a net increase of 4.9% over actual 2017 figures. This is a stretch goal – but in line with past performance.

Institutional Receipts are mostly flat since we had requested increases from those who use our facilities last year. The Budget and Finance Committee annually reviews these charges through the lens of fairly covering our expenses from sister organizations rather than fair market value.

Endowment Income expectations have been increased because of positive market trends in 2017 that are expected to continue in 2018 as well as the benefit of wise investment decisions made in 2017. Following sound principles and past practice, only income is planned to be used from the Endowment Fund. Central Church investment assets grew substantially in 2017 due to the 275th Capital Campaign contributions to the Preservation Fund, increases in the Elizabeth Johnson Prime Fund, and generous gifts from the congregation.

Expenses:

Salary and Benefits includes a salary increase for all full-time and part-time office staff.

Facilities Operations were reduced in anticipation of savings realized from energy efficiency in several campus buildings.

Facilities Maintenance has increased as the Buildings and Grounds Committee continues their program of prudent and proactive maintenance and improvement to our campus.

The budgets for Ministry & Worship, Music, and Christian Education were increased for 2018 to provide for enhanced experiences for adults and youth alike.

Church Office Administration remains substantially the same as 2017. By changing telecom service providers in 2017, we have significantly better internet access in the office and newly added internet access in the Old Chapel basement with no increase in costs.

Province and District Common Ministries funding is \$100,686. Central continues to joyfully meet 100% of our requested support for administration and benevolent ministries.

George Mowers, Financial Secretary
Robert Phillips, Treasurer

Budget and Finance Committee: Robert Phillips (Chair), Donald Brown, Hopeton Clennon, Lynnette Delbridge, George Mowers, Hank Naisby, Steve Schlack, Anthony Thompson, Dave Weikert, Anne Zug

CENTRAL MORAVIAN CHURCH
Proposed Budget
For the year ended December 31, 2018
(approved by Elders 12/12/17 and Trustees 12/20/17)

	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	2017 Actual	2018 Proposed	Actual 2017 vs Proposed 2018	
<u>INCOME</u>								
Envelope Giving	521,311	508,559	507,877	535,000	498,913	530,000	31,087	6.23%
Other Contributions	83,570	88,911	97,357	96,411	106,289	104,707	-1,582	-1.49%
Capital Projects Contributions	175,704	17,555	21,947	0	50,239	0	-50,239	0.00%
Institutional Receipts	85,145	89,945	85,802	98,214	106,364	97,414	-8,950	-8.41%
Endowment Income	118,170	110,054	115,048	118,040	126,989	130,040	3,051	2.40%
TOTAL INCOME	\$983,900	\$815,024	\$828,031	\$847,665	\$888,794	\$862,161	-26,633	-3.00%
Less Capital Projects Income	-175,704	-17,555	-21,947	0	-50,239	0		
NET TOTAL INCOME	\$808,196	\$797,469	\$806,084	\$847,665	\$838,555	\$862,161	23,606	2.82%
EXPENSES								
Pastoral Staff Sal. & Ben	192,693	172,878	194,560	199,368	199,401	199,597	196	0.10%
Music Staff Sal. & Ben.	71,920	77,207	80,205	81,948	81,654	84,197	2,543	3.11%
Support Staff Sal. & Ben.	142,836	150,888	157,935	158,552	162,140	169,951	7,811	4.82%
Total Salary & Benefits	\$407,449	\$400,973	\$432,700	\$439,868	\$443,196	\$453,745	10,549	2.38%
Total Facilities Operations	\$103,288	\$106,645	\$97,620	\$109,755	\$95,647	\$105,795	10,148	10.61%
Total Facilities Maintenance & Supplies (5)	\$79,255	\$93,827	\$75,457	\$75,209	\$71,757	\$77,975	6,218	8.66%
Capital Projects Expense	\$175,704	\$17,555	\$21,947	\$0	\$50,239	\$0	-50,239	0.00%
Ministry & Worship (1)	27,009	18,765	21,389	26,174	29,768	29,432	-336	-1.13%
Music Program (2)	34,517	34,493	35,257	35,237	35,483	35,969	486	1.37%
Christian Ed. Program (3)	7,918	6,991	6,141	10,424	7,433	10,945	3,512	47.25%
Mission & Outreach Program (4)	17,520	16,062	15,637	15,900	14,795	15,900	1,105	7.47%
Total Program & Outreach	\$86,964	\$76,311	\$78,424	\$87,735	\$87,479	\$92,247	4,768	5.45%
Total Church Office Administration	\$32,744	\$30,213	\$37,019	\$33,430	\$36,570	\$31,712	-4,858	-13.28%
Total Province & District Administration	\$114,010	\$103,964	\$102,829	\$101,668	\$101,668	\$100,686	-982	-0.97%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$999,412	\$829,485	\$845,996	\$847,665	\$886,556	\$862,161	-24,395	-2.75%
Less Capital Projects Expense	-175,704	-17,555	-21,947	0	-50,239	0		
NET TOTAL EXPENSES	\$823,708	\$811,930	\$824,049	\$847,665	\$836,317	\$862,161	25,844	3.09%
Current year Surplus(deficit)	-15,514	-14,461	-17,964	0	2,240	0		
Adjustment from reserves	15,514	14,461	17,964	0	0	0		
Net surplus(deficit)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,240	\$0		

- (1) Primarily Christmas, Easter, Lovefeasts, bulletins, Daily Texts, Hospitality, Membership, Stewardship, Church Family Life, Elders, Planned Giving, Visitation Ministry in 2014 & Parish Pastor in 2016
(2) Lead singers, soloists, instrumentalists, accompanist, substitute organist, materials & supplies, piano & organ
(3) Church School, youth programs and staff, adult education, child care
(4) Mission, Communications, Social Action, Social Agencies, Esperanza, World Wide Unity
(5) Includes basic buildings & grounds maintenance, supplies, service contracts

THE PROVINCIAL ELDERS' CONFERENCE

(EXECUTIVE BOARD)

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THE MORAVIAN CHURCH • Northern Province

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our loving God! This summer I watched a pair of draft horses pulling a plow. As the steel blade of the plow cut through the earth, I marveled at how the yoke combined the strength of the two horses to create power that one horse alone could not have achieved. It was the pulling together – the shared yoke – the common purpose – that humbled me most. Imagine with me, if you will, an enormous yoke that connects all of the congregations of the Northern Province – pulling together – with a shared yoke – and a common purpose. We could do together what would be impossible alone. That is the image of our **Common Ministries Commitment**. Each congregation gives – as we have been blessed – toward a common purpose. We share the burden – and the joy – of pulling together toward God's vision for our common witness.

When I look at the impact that our province has on the world – far beyond what our membership warrants – I thank God for your generosity and faithfulness. Whether we are helping with hurricane relief through the Board of World Mission or educating future pastors at the seminary, we are blessing the world. When we meet with congregations in the call process or move pastors from one congregation to another, when we meet with ecumenical partners, or when we manage finances or prepare for synods, those costs are part of that shared yoke. We need everyone, pulling together, to fulfill our commitments. Thank you in advance for your full participation.

We fund our common ministries through every congregation giving a percentage of its Line 1 income. The 2018 provincial budget was built on your Line 1 income from 2016. The *percentage* of your Line 1 income remains the same as last year. The *amount* you are asked to offer changes based on the fluctuation of Line 1 income. As with good stewardship practices, you give to the province as you have received. Like personal budgets, the province lives within the expected receipts from congregational giving, which means we must make choices based on prayerful priorities. When one congregation does not meet its full share, we all suffer. When all congregations offer 100% of their requested support, we all rejoice together. We need all of you giving fully to our common ministry to support the many ministries God is calling us to offer the world.

The provincial elders have approved a budget for 2018 in the amount of \$2.07 million, which is based on anticipated common ministry receipts of \$1,490,786. Both our budget and our anticipated common ministry receipts are down more than \$160,000 from last year. We are funding an increasing amount of the budget through invested funds. While we have made a conscious decision to do this, we want you to be aware that the percentage of our

budget that is funded by the congregations continues to go down while the percentage of investment support continues to rise. We continued funding our Core Agencies at the same level, except the Provincial Women's Board, which indicated that they did not need as much support as in prior years.

Again this year we are sending out this entire mailing via e-mail. You are receiving this letter because you are a Pastor, Vice-Chair of Elders, President of Trustees, or Treasurer. It is imperative that you access the specifics of your congregation's share of the provincial budget on the Moravian Church Northern Province Portal. You have access through a specific password; if you experience difficulty with the portal, contact Tammy Curcio in our Finance Office at portal@mcnp.org.

As you prayerfully determine your local budgets and include your share of our provincial budgets, I invite you to 'yoke yourselves' to the other congregations of the province to pull together toward God's vision for our common witness. Thank you for your faithfulness and support.

Grace and peace,



Elizabeth D. Miller
President

September 18, 2017

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THE MORAVIAN CHURCH • Northern Province

September 6, 2017

TO: EASTERN DISTRICT CONGREGATIONS
FROM: THE EASTERN DISTRICT EXECUTIVE BOARD
DAVID E. BENNETT, PRESIDENT
RE: 2018 FUNDING OF OUR EASTERN DISTRICT COMMON MINISTRIES

Greetings Friends and Partners in Ministry:

I write on behalf of the Eastern District Executive Board (EDEB) to thank you for this last year of ministry partnership and invite your full participation in the Eastern District Common Ministries for 2018. The ministry partnership that we share with you is one which supports congregational redevelopment, ministry agencies, as well as district staff who offer congregation consultation toward ministry enhancement.

The budget for this upcoming year is a result of direct action of the 2016 Eastern District Synod. Similar to the current Provincial budgeting process, the 2016 synod instructed the EDEB to initiate an income based budget formulation that will be based upon "Line 1 income" (plate offerings) of the congregations. Moving away from the membership "per capita" assessment model, now the Eastern District Common Ministry contributions of our congregations will no longer be based upon "head counts," but rather upon the tithes and offerings of congregants.

The proposed income-based formulation which establishes the 2018 Eastern District budget comes as a result of rigorous work from the Eastern District Controller, Brenda Cahill and an appointed Financial Task Force chaired by Rev. Jeffrey Van Orden and consisting of Rex Knowlton, Steve Krawiec, Ralph Wanamaker, Andy Meckstroth, and David Bennett. The desired outcome was to establish an income-based assessment formulation which would "ebb and flow" with a congregation's plate offerings, sustain the ministry of the district, and also not create a severe, unexpected increase in a congregation's district assessment at the initiation of the new formula. Through the use of a 'standard deviation' formulation, it is the opinion of the Financial Task Force and the EDEB that this formula achieves those outcomes.

In preparing for the 2018 income-based budget, each congregation's 2017 assessment figure was made into a percentage of line 1 income from the 2015 annual report provided by the congregation. (2017 district assessment amount / 2015 Line 1 income = congregation's assessment %) That assessment percentage was capped at 7% for congregations whose assessment percentage was above 7%.

As an example, if Halo Moravian Church's Eastern District Common Ministry assessment was \$10,000 in 2017 and its 2015 annual report reported \$300,000 in Line 1 income, then their assessment percentage would be 3.3%. ($10,000 / 300,000 = .033$)

If that same congregation's 2015 Line 1 income instead had been \$100,000, then their assessment percentage would have been over the cap of 7%, and therefore the congregation's actual assessment percentage would be lowered to 7%. ($10,000 / 100,000 = .10$, therefore lowered to 7% cap)

The assessment percentage for each congregation is then applied to the line 1 income from the 2016 annual report to generate the district assessment for 2018.
(Congregational assessment % x 2016 Line 1 income = 2018 district assessment)

For the first example, which generated an assessment percentage of 3.3%, if Halo Moravian Church's Line 1 income for 2016 was \$305,000, then their 2018 Eastern District Common Ministry assessment would be \$10,065.00

In the second example, resulting in an assessment percentage capped at 7%, if Halo Moravian Church's Line 1 income for 2016 was \$110,000, then their Eastern District Common Ministry assessment would be \$7,700.00.

In subsequent years, the congregation's assessment percentage will remain the same and will be applied to their Line 1 income from two years preceding the budget year. (i.e. The 2019 Eastern District Budget will be based upon the 2017 Line 1 income of congregations.)

It is worth noting that the Eastern District Common Ministry Assessment was either frozen or lowered during the time period between 2015 and 2017 and the Eastern District budget remained relatively stable.

Although this income-based formulation keeps most congregations at or near their current level of giving toward the Eastern District Common Ministry, it will in fact create a minor decrease in the Eastern District budget for 2018. However, the Eastern District Synod also instructed the EDEB to utilize a spending rate on reserves to balance the budget if necessary. Given this decrease in budget, it will be vitally important that all of our congregations fully support the district common ministry as our success relies heavily upon the faithfulness of all of our congregations.

As we live into this budgeting process, it is the desire of the EDEB to maintain the basic structure of the district budget approved by the 2016 Eastern District Synod. The EDEB plans to submit a report to the 2020 Eastern District Synod regarding the effectiveness of this new assessment formulation and its implication upon Eastern District Common Ministries.

Attached to this memorandum is your congregation's 2018 Eastern District Common Ministry assessment, as formulated through your congregation's assessment percentage. How your congregation's assessment was tabulated is also clearly demonstrated for your review.

We continue to encourage congregations to look seriously at employing the benefits of the new Past Due Balance Policy which offers 20% forgiveness of the Provincial and District Common Ministry Past Due Balances for each year that a congregation meets all District/Provincial assessments and pastoral benefits submissions in full. This policy supports our collaboration in district and provincial ministry, while providing much needed relief from past due balances. (Please see enclosed document.)

Finally, on behalf of the Eastern District Executive Board let me express our gratitude for each congregation as a ministry partner. Our common ministry reflects an important, shared value that Christ calls us to do together that which we cannot do alone. We are appreciative of our district and provincial staff members, the Provincial Elders Conference, and interprovincial agencies whose dedication and leadership skill makes congregational revitalization and mission collaboration this day's reality. "To Us, To Us This Task is Given!"

Your brother in Christ,



David E. Bennett
President
Eastern District Executive Board

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OUR EASTERN DISTRICT COMMON MINISTRY

One of the noblest characters of the Moravian Church is found not only in how we as individual congregations touch lives within our own communities, but also how we collaborate denominationally to make a regional, national, and even global impact. Our common ministry reflects an important, shared value that Christ calls us to do together that which we cannot do alone. It is in this way that our common ministry contributions express not only our ministry partnership with one another, but more importantly the kinship we proclaim in Christ Jesus.

ADMINISTRATION

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

These monies are allocated for such items as district synods; the cost of travel and expenses of meetings of the District Board; making grants to congregations; paying liability insurance; the cost of having our district represented on various boards, committees, and agencies; subsidy in support of Moravian Open Door administration and legal and intervention expenses; as well as salaries, benefits, and program costs for the Eastern District Director of Christian Education and the Eastern District Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries.

CHURCH REDEVELOPMENT

Utilizing the services of district professional staff and the consultation of the district commissions, these monies fund ministry assessment, appreciative inquiry sessions, and ministry plan development of churches in need of congregational revitalization and redevelopment. The A.I.D. Program and other district initiatives directed toward congregational health and revitalization were reaffirmed as a priority by the 2012 Eastern District Synod.

SERVICE & BENEVOLENCE MINISTRIES

DISTRICT PROGRAM

Provides support for miscellaneous programming efforts, including Pastoral development events, summer urban internships, support for state councils of churches and ecumenical agencies, as well as continuing education at Moravian Theological Seminary.

DISTRICT HOMES FOR THE AGED

This contribution assists Moravian Manor and Morningstar Senior Living in providing care for needy residents where costs are not fully covered by personal and social security resources.

HOPE CONFERENCE AND RENEWAL CENTER (all congregations except Ohio)

These monies subsidize the cost of the administration and management of the Hope Conference and Renewal Center.

STATE COUNCILS OF CHURCHES

This item includes contributions to State Councils of Churches in New Jersey, New York, Maryland, Ohio, Washington DC, and Pennsylvania. These monies provide an ecumenical service and witness which otherwise would not be available to us as individual congregations. Services provided include consultation on migrant ministries and information on public policy issues.

INNER CITY YOUTH

This significant ministry for congregations in urban areas was started by the "Moravian Women" who annually contribute between \$3,000 and \$5,000 for this ministry. As the years have passed, requests have increased to approximately two and one half times the monies available. The District Synod of 2004 established support for this important ministry through an assessment. This initiative funds new youth ministry initiatives for congregations in urban areas where youth programming is lacking or non-existent.

MORAVIAN OPEN DOOR

Moravian Open Door is a not-for-profit (501(c) 3) organization committed to providing transitional housing and supportive services to the homeless, distressed and underserved population of New York City. Our ministry serves those individuals who are fifty and older with the goal of helping them regain their independence and security, and assisting them in moving to appropriate, permanent facilities.

District Ministry Teams

Spiritual Formation Ministry Team: *(Formerly Christian Education Commission and Lay Ministry Commission)*

The purpose of the Spiritual Formation Ministry Team is to aid pastors and congregations in elevating the call of ministry to laity through workshops and training events (locally, area-wide and District-wide); to assist in developing leadership skills among all members for continued spiritual growth and to include spiritual leadership development; to assist in a discernment process for laity to identify their call to life-long, vocational ministry, mission and service; and to uphold the importance of shared ministry among lay and clergy alike.

Stewardship of Life Ministry Team: *(Formerly Stewardship Commission and Evangelism Commission)*

Moravians have always stressed the stewardship of all of life – management and sharing of our spirituality, time, talents and treasures as well as the care of creation. For the next inter-synodal period the primary focus of the Stewardship of Life Ministry Team is to enable congregations to discover what assets are available within their congregation (using Snow's Asset Mapping as one tool) for ministries so that the congregation feels empowered to view their community and world as their mission field.; to assist congregations in helping members discover their spiritual gifts for ministry and matching them to the ministry needs of the congregation and community; and to encourage congregations to develop a strategy where the time commitment of members to a specific ministry is adjusted to the time and place of the congregation, demonstrating sensitivity to the life-styles of members.

Church in Society Ministry Team: *(Formerly Church and Society Commission and Community Ministries Commission)*

Moravians have always understood the need for the Church to be the voice for the voiceless. For the next inter-synodal period the primary focus of the Church in Society Ministry Team is to assist congregations in identifying a mission ministry to "the least of these" (experiencing hunger, poverty, discrimination) in the community in which the congregation is planted and assist them in developing programs to help meet the needs of their community, as well as pursue partnership with other congregations and agencies in seeking to meet these needs. The Church in Society Ministry Team will also serve as a resource to congregations throughout the District, working directly with congregations in their mission ministry efforts.

MINISTRY LEADERSHIP TEAM:

The purpose of the Ministry Leadership Team is to share activities, programs and needs of each Ministry Team; to provide feedback to each Ministry Team; to collaborate in meeting the needs and programs of the District; and to support and encourage one another and congregations in ministry. The Ministry Leadership Team consists of one Chairperson from each of the above Ministry Teams, as well as one EDEB representative, the Eastern District Director of Christian Education, and the Eastern District Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries.

OHIO MORAVIAN MINISTRIES COMMISSION (Ohio only)

This item is for youth ministry, camp support, mission society support, matching grant programs for Ohio Congregations. These monies are collected by the Eastern District Executive Board and returned to the Ohio Moravian Ministries Commission.

September, 2017

2018 Funding of our Common Ministries

Central Moravian Church - 0004

Provincial Common Ministries

	2018 Total Provincial Quota	Your Church's Provincial Total ¹	Your Church's Share Per Month
Common Ministries Commitment** Includes Provincial Administration, Unity Assessments, The Moravian, Board of Communications, Ministerial Education, Moravian Theological Seminary, Ecumenical Agencies, World Mission, Provincial Archives, Music Foundation, and Provincial Women's Board.	\$1,623,753	\$71,503.89	\$5,958.66
**Through your full support, together we touch and bless lives far beyond your church community; shared ministries that have long been a part of our Moravian history and faith tradition.			
Make Provincial checks payable to: Moravian Church Northern Province Mail Provincial checks to: Treasurer P.O. Box 1245 Bethlehem, PA 18016-1245			

2018 Funding of our Common Ministries

Central Moravian Church - 0004

Eastern District Common Ministries

	2018 Total District Quota	Your Church's District Total	You Church's Share Per Month
District Assessments Includes Administration, Program, Hope Conference Center, Senior Living Communities, State Councils of Churches, Moravian Open Door, Inner City Youth, and Commissions: Christian Education, Church and Society, Community Ministry, Evangelism, Lay Ministry, and Stewardship	\$336,368	\$29,182.00	\$2,431.83
**Through your full support, together we touch and bless lives far beyond your church community; shared ministries that have long been part of our Moravian history and faith tradition.			
Make District checks payable to: Eastern District Executive Board Mail District checks to: Treasurer P.O. Box 1245 Bethlehem, PA 18016-1245			

Buildings and Grounds Committee

The Buildings and Grounds Committee meets once monthly and helps to guide the maintenance and capital project efforts for the Moravian buildings assigned to the care of the church. The committee works in conjunction with the church staff and the Facilities Administrator.

In this past year, there were some major energy and cost saving projects initiated and completed. These projects were targeted in the recent capital campaign. Some of the major projects were:

1. The replacement of the Sanctuary lighting and control panel with a much more energy efficient LED system. The LED project will be included in the Green Revolving Fund, a program focused on energy reduction based projects.
2. The replacement of one of the heating units in the Sanctuary basement.
3. The gutter system and roof repair of the Sanctuary.

Work has also begun on upgrading the HVAC systems and insulation in the church office, which should be completed by January 2018. Working with the History Committee, the planning for the storage area in the Sanctuary basement has been started, including a climate controlled area, for storage of church artifacts.

The committee has started, and will continue in the upcoming months, to review the Stone House Report and create an outline of projects focused on the preservation of the historic buildings. Work will also continue to move forward the other projects assigned to the committee in the capital campaign, such as upgrading and improving the sound systems in the Sanctuary, as well as the Old Chapel. The Old Chapel upgrade will include a system for those with special hearing needs.

The committee takes seriously the important task of the preservation and maintenance of the historic buildings and grounds, but with the understanding that there would be no church without the support of the extraordinary members of this congregation. We look forward to doing our part to help the church reach out

to the members and the community around us. Many thanks to members of the committee and to the church staff for their time and effort.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Schlack, Chair

Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee meets on an as needed basis to consider issues related to the needs and smooth functioning of our full time and part time employees.

Kelly Knapp, who was hired in 2016 to learn the Financial Secretary's duties, has been working as a part time Financial Intern for the full year and has learned the majority of the duties. Her training will probably be completed this year so that she could fill in for an emergency absence.

Our 275th Campaign Coordinator, Martha Jones, filled a very important function during the campaign by keeping accurate records of pledges and receipts, and by sending out requests and responses. As the early work of the Campaign has slowed, her duties are being shifted to give more help to our increasing office workload, while still maintaining campaign records. She has helped with the 2018 pledge drive and is helping the Stewardship Committee by keeping statistics that will be useful in the current and future drives.

There was an extended medical absence last spring of the Facilities Administrator due to hip replacement. We are grateful to the Sexton, John Geier, who made an extra effort, with help from a part time hire, to keep the facilities operating.

There was a large cost increase for staff health insurance received in the fall. The Committee met with a broker who found an equivalent policy for a slight decrease in price from the former policy. The change was made to be effective the first of December.

A 2018 item will be to review the facilities management program and make updates or modifications as needed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Don Brown, Chair

Committee Members: Pat Herman, Hank Naisby,
Anne Zug, Pastor Hopeton

BAM Almoners Fund

The Almoners Fund is managed by Board members elected by each of the six churches of the Bethlehem Area Moravians (BAM). The Board works quietly and confidentially to carry out the purpose of the Fund and responds to requests made by the pastors of the local congregations to assist members who are in temporary financial need.

The board meets 4-times a year. Many of the requests presented to the board were handled by telephone or email.

The program to provide \$1,500 for each BAM congregation to assist the pastors with request for immediate financial assistance was continued. These discretionary funds are administered by the pastors and are not to be used for the congregation's general or benevolence budgets. This program does not replace the current Almoners program, but supplements it. Requests for larger grants or short-term assistance are handled through the normal process.

During 2017, the Almoners expended a total \$51,420.34 to assist 18 individuals in financial need. Some were one-time grants, while others were for a set period of time. Of those assisted, 11 were from our congregation.

Financial gifts, no matter how large or small, are always welcome.

BAM Almoners Fund, Inc.
561 E. Market Street, Suite 1
Bethlehem PA 18018

Respectfully Submitted,
David Williams, Board Representative

Bethlehem 275th Anniversary Committee

The celebration of the 275th anniversary of Bethlehem, which began in 2016, continued into 2017. On behalf of the Moravian churches and entities in Bethlehem a steering committee was formed, consisting of Paul Peucker, chair, Moravian Archives; Hopeton Clennon, Central; Frank Crouch, College/Seminary; Myra Jones, Edgeboro; Becky Lepore, Central; Dan Soos, BAM; Jerry Still, Advent; and Audrey Wanamaker, Westside.

- During 2017, the following events took place: Moravian Day on June 17: a festival with displays from the various local churches and entities on the church green at Central Church
- Anniversary Lovefeast on June 25. A large lovefeast for all Moravian churches in Bethlehem took place in Johnston Hall (Moravian College). Our ecumenical partners were represented by Rev. Canon Maria Tjeltveit, Rector, Episcopal Church of the Mediator in Allentown. Bishop Samuel Zeiser, Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, sent his greetings in writing. Before the service, three groups of brass players, consisting of players from different congregations, greeted the worshipers at three different locations. During the service a large choir of singers from different Moravian churches sang. For the occasion, special cups with the anniversary logo had been made. After the lovefeast everybody could take their cup home as a memento of this meaningful event that concluded the anniversary celebrations.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul Peucker, Archivist of the Moravian Church in
America, Northern Province

Bethlehem Area Moravians, Inc.

By now, many of you know that I have announced my retirement effective March 30, 2018. This year started my 24th year with BAM. It's been a great ride and I am grateful to have been a part of the growth of this amazing organization. This will be my last annual report to you. I will let others explain the achievements of 2017 in their individual reports, which follow. (Copies of the other reports mentioned by David Roth are available from the Central Moravian Church office upon request).

I want to express my personal thanks to Dan Soos, Jack Lightcap, Brenda Dorward, Roy Boehm and all of the BAM staff; as well as Brad Senick, Peg DeAngelo and Mike Mushko and the Moravian Development Corporation (MDC) staff; and Tracy Patton, John Calzola and Marvin Granda and the Moravian Village of Bethlehem (MVB) staff. We are blessed to have employees who have loyalty to the organization and who deeply care about its mission. Our senior management team of Dan, Brad, Tracy, John and Marvin are truly first class. I have been privileged to work beside them thru our successes and as we faced challenges. They will continue to guide BAM and its related entities with strong conviction and level headed determination. Please give them your support and gratitude, as I have done over the years.

BAM continues to operate the Moravian Historic area and its buildings and grounds. We recognize the responsibility we have to the greater Bethlehem community. Our properties, two cemeteries, and other real estate assets are well maintained to reflect our Moravian heritage.

When I arrived at BAM, income was generated from a small endowment fund and rental income from the historic properties. It was a small operation. Moravian Development Corporation was a related organization, which provided no revenue to BAM and operated on a "breakeven basis". Today BAM generates income from MDC, which has grown from the original Moravian House I, and II. MDC today has 7 Moravian Houses and numerous smaller properties rented to our core responsibility; low-income individuals and folks with disabilities. The growth over the years is phenomenal. Brad Senick ably manages MDC. We also generate income from Moravian Village of Bethlehem. It is a premiere Continuing Care

Retirement Community with a major economic impact on the Bethlehem community. During my tenure we built MVB from the ground up. Tracy Patton ably manages MVB.

One of the projects that we built but unfortunately no longer own is the HILL on the south campus of Moravian College. BAM built the project, which was approved by the prior college administration and board. It's a wonderful environment for the students lucky enough to live there. It anchors the south campus.

The above referenced assets; properties and projects represent major contributions to the City and its residents. They generate significant tax revenue and employment. Without a doubt, BAM is an important entity in Bethlehem.

Dan Soos will be replacing me as CEO of the organization. I have been working with Dan for many years. My first interaction with him was when he was engaged as our external auditor. After a few years getting to know him, I was lucky enough to entice him to come and work with me at BAM. He has functioned for the past 10 years as our Chief Financial Officer. I have appreciated Dan's insight to all things financial.

He has alerted senior management to any number of nuances and areas in need of concentration. Dan is well equipped to take the organization forward and I have full confidence in his leadership.

Brad Senick, current Vice President of Moravian Development Corporation, will assume the additional role of BAM Chief Operating Officer as of January 1, 2018. I have enjoyed working with Brad for the past 9 years. I have watched him mature into a seasoned and exceptional senior manager. Brad has wonderful organizational skills and the ability to look at situations very analytically. He will be a great asset to the organization moving forward.

As part of our transition from the "Dave Roth" era into the future, I relinquished my title as Moravian Village Executive Director back on March 30, 2017. At that moment Tracy Patton took over the leadership of MVB. Tracy has been part of MVB senior management since its birth. She knows and understands the organization, industry and BAM. Tracy is trusted by the staff and will perform

admirably moving into the future.

I've been blessed over the years with very supportive Boards, Executive Committees and Board Presidents. They have provided guidance and opinion. But they have always allowed me plenty of latitude with decision-making. In my opinion, I can't express enough how important that has been to the growth of the organization. Thanks for all the opportunities and memories. I am very grateful for everything.

The future of BAM, MVB and MDC is very bright.

Respectfully Submitted,
David M. Roth, Chief Executive Office

Birthday Greeters

Volunteers send birthday greetings to Central members on behalf of the church.

There are currently 10 volunteers, each sending 8 to 10 cards a month. A list with members names, addresses and birth dates are sent to each volunteer, along with postage stamps for mailings. Volunteers can use their own cards or printed Moravian verse cards with envelopes are available upon request.

New volunteers are always welcome! Please contact Shirley Trumbauer at 610-381-3434 to sign up.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shirley Trumbauer, Chair

Blood Bank

The Central Moravian Church Blood Bank is a service for all Central members. It provides free blood products whenever they are needed for our Church members. **You do not have to be a donor** to receive this service. However, donors are the key to making this service successful for the community. Whole blood donations may be made once every 8 weeks. Platelets may be given 24 times per year. Every day 450 donations of blood products are needed to supply the needs of our area hospitals.

Our donors in 2017 have made 48 donation visits to the Miller-Keystone Blood Center with a goal of 50,

compared to 52 last year (goal 50). We were so close! Our goal for 2018 is 50. I know we can make it.

Thanks to all donors for their wonderful gift to our Church Blood Bank and the community. **We are always looking for more donors to help support this great cause.**

Below is a list of donors and the number of donations they made in 2017:

Baker, Frank	1
Boyer, Frank	4
Clendenning, Steve	1
Dimmick, Gayle	1
Foltz, Robert	4
Goodman, Jennifer	4
Griffis, Jeff	1
Hochella, David	2
Hochella, Grace	2
Mosebach, Craig	19
Pragheimer, Mike	2
Raines, Peter	1
Sommers, Gordon	2
Chynoweth, Lyn	3
Woodring, Sallie	<u>1</u>
Total	48

Respectfully Submitted,
Craig Mosebach, Coordinator

Busy Workers' Society

The year 2017 was another busy time for Busy Workers. We continue to have two major sales a year; one in May, Plant and Attic Treasure, and the Christmas Sale in December. Most of our greenery at the Christmas sale was sold by 11 a.m. that morning. Both sales were financially successful for us.

We participated in two other sales; in June, Moravian Day at Central Moravian Church, then in December the Moravian Village Market Day. Thanks to Shelly Watson at the Star and Candle Shoppe, we will be able to have Busy Workers' items for sale, too.

These sales allow the Busy Workers to continue our tradition of charitable contributions as listed:

CWS Blanket Sunday	\$1,500
MTS student for books	300
CMC Allen Fund, Camp Hope	500
CMC 275 th Anniversary Campaign	2,000
CWS CROP Walk	500
Emergency Shelter at Central	1,500
Esperanza – Camp Hope for children	1,500
Food for Birthday Party	227
Lenten Dinner	140
Memorial for June Earley	100
Moravian Archives	500
Moravian College, mission students	1,056
Moravian Open Door	500
Moravian Theological Seminary	1,500
New Bethany Ministries	500
Resettlement Fund for Syrian refugee family	1,000
Sanctuary Flower Fund Donations	552
Sikonge Orphan Ladies' Educational Fund	500
Sikonge: mattresses for orphans	242
Staff appreciation funds (3)	300
Star Mountain Rehabilitation Center for Children	500
Unity Women's Desk	1,000
Victory House	1,000
Visiting Nurses Association	500
Christian Education Building Use	100
Dibe's Shower	59

Total: \$18,076

We began 2017 with a new President, Jacqueline Adams and Vice President, Linda Thudium, with continuing officers Kathryn Samuels, Secretary, Sallie Woodring, Corresponding Secretary, Sue Jones, Treasurer, and Virginia Delph, Assistant Treasurer. Busy Workers' philosophy for donations will continue and making every effort that our dollars are well spent. We continue to work with organizations from Bethlehem, Tanzania, and Nepal.

Busy Workers have donated \$552.00 for sanctuary flowers in memory of departed Busy Workers and friends. We assisted with raising funds for Easter flowers for God's Acre. We prepared envelopes and inserted them into Sunday bulletins during Lent. The congregation was able to dedicate their contribution for hyacinths in honor or memory of a loved one. A list of donors was printed after Easter in the church bulletin.

Donations come in many different ways to the Busy Workers: day lilies, perennials, flowering bulbs, fabric, craft supplies, attic treasures, and baked goods

for our sales. We are grateful to the congregation and friends for donations and support of Busy Workers. In spring 2018, we will be collecting items for our Attic Treasure Sale taking place May 12 and 13, 2018. Please save your white elephants and perennials.

Our prayer shawl ministry continues throughout our church, community, and friends. Since inception, we have given 383 prayer shawls to date. This year we have shared thirty-nine prayer shawls with others. Once a year, in September, there is a Prayer Shawl Gathering with other area churches. Prayer shawls are given to those who are ill or who have suffered loss in their families. If you know of someone who would benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, please contact one of the Busy Workers or one of the pastors.

Busy Workers, again, hosted one of the Lenten dinners and provided soup for the annual Birthday Social. In March, we also helped in making sandwiches for the U.S. Army Chorus performing at Central.

We made some revisions to our by-laws this year. Busy Workers reviewed and approved revisions on April 26, 2017.

The Syrian family was blessed with a baby boy the end of July 2017. Busy Workers participated in a baby shower for Dibe a week before the birth.

In conjunction with Historic Bethlehem and the Zug Lecture Series, Busy Workers invited Professor and author Katie Faull to speak on Anna Nitschmann. Katie spoke about Anna's personal papers. Busy Workers presented Katie with our Anna Nitschmann doll. She was very touched by this gift. Katie Faull will be speaking at the Moravian Archives in 2018.

Larry Jones has submitted the necessary papers to patent our Anna Nitschmann doll. We are currently awaiting approval.

This year we can say that the Moravian Archives has received many boxes from Busy Workers of old records, dating back to 1884. As we find more materials, they are catalogued by Mary Jo Hill and stored at the Moravian Archives to preserve our history. If you have any information pertaining to Busy Workers, please contact us.

In 2018, we start with a new slate of officers: Marianne Allen, Secretary, Sallie Woodring,

Corresponding Secretary, Sue Jones, Treasurer, Beth Boyer, Assistant Treasurer. Retiring officers are Kathryn Samuels, Secretary and Virginia Delph, Assistant Treasurer. Many thanks for your services.

We always welcome new members of all skill levels to Busy Workers. Busy Workers meets Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the lower level of the Old Chapel.

Fellowship is an important part of our morning gatherings. Contact any one of us for more information.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jacqueline Adams, President
Linda Thudium, Vice President
Kathryn Samuels, Secretary
Sallie Woodring, Corresponding Secretary
Sue Jones, Treasurer
Virginia Delph, Assistant Treasurer

CD Recording Ministry Committee

The committee records the 11 a.m. (10 a.m. in the summer) service each week as well as other special services and events throughout the year.

Approximately 10 copies are mailed each week to members who are out of town or cannot otherwise attend Sunday services.

If anyone is interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Terry Worrich or the church office. No experience is necessary and training is provided.

Many thanks to David Lauer, Dan Diehl, and Bob Wascura for their commitment to recording our services onto CDs. Also, thank you to Richard Miller who volunteers his services to copy and mail the CDs.

Respectfully Submitted,
Terry Worrich, Chair

Flower Distribution Committee

The Flower Distribution Committee wishes to thankfully acknowledge those who generously gave the altar vases this year, commemorating special

people and events in their lives. Our statistics tell us that 293 bouquets were distributed within 7 institutions during the past 12 months and, with the selfless support of our congregation, we covered these institutions, some several times. We thank our Pastors Hopeton and Lynnette, who kept the committee informed and who gladly took bouquets with them on their hospital visitations. We thank our fellow congregants who graciously came to obtain flowers so that they could visit their shut-in friends and family members and to commemorate birthdays.

Flowers went to our folks in St. Luke's Hospital - Bethlehem, Anderson Campus and Quakertown, Good Shepherd Rehab Hospital, Old Orchard, Life Quest, Grand View, Phoebe-Richland, Christopher Dock, Gracedale, Moravian Village, Moravian Village Rehab., Kirkland, Blough Nursing Home, Muhlenberg Hospital, King's Daughters. We are thankful for this opportunity to be of service and we prayerfully hope to continue to be faithful in the Lord's work.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dorothea Lovis and Cheryl Tubio, Co-Chairs

Food Pantry

Central Moravian Church and its members have ministered to those living in our community living at or slightly over the poverty line as defined by the government. Because of the generosity of the congregation and in partnership with the Second Harvest Food Bank we have been able to provide several bags of food to the needy of our community each month. We receive a little over a ton and a half of food in cans, bags and boxes from the Second Harvest Food Bank. Additionally, we are able to supplement the food that we receive from Second Harvest with the generous contributions from the members and friends who attend worship services on the first Sunday of each month and who bring cans, boxes and bags of food. This food is offered to anyone who is hungry. During many months, food is distributed to those who come to the church office and express a need. Many members of the congregation also make financial contributions to this ministry, which are used to purchase food to fill in the gaps. We seek to provide the opportunity for each of our clients to have a balanced diet, should they choose to do so. Most are keenly aware of the need for protein,

vegetables, and fruit. Up to this point, we have been able to provide these in canned form. But soon we will have a refrigerator which will provide the opportunity to offer fresh fruits and vegetables as they are available. Second Harvest has developed a relationship with the port of Philadelphia to distribute their produce which remains after their orders are filled. This new resource will also provide us with the opportunity to share produce from our own gardens in season.

This ministry, coupled with Cynthia's Boutique, seeks to meet the food and clothing needs of many in our community. The ministry of the Boutique is just as important as the opportunity to receive food in the minds of most of our clients. This year, an uptick in clients was experienced following Hurricane Maria which devastated Puerto Rico. These clients continue to arrive and live with families, the members of Central Moravian serve.

Matthew 25 records a story told by Jesus about finding various needs within the community and doing something about it. Central Moravian has a long history of finding problems and doing something about them.

This year the members and friends of Central Moravian Church worked an average of 47.8 hours each month with a team of 28 volunteers. Together we impacted an average of 94 families each month. This includes 53 adults, 43 children and 81 clients over the age of 65. As followers of Jesus, we are aware of his vision to help the needy of the world. Cynthia's Boutique and Central Moravian Food Pantry are but a couple of ways in which we seek to fulfill this call. Thank you to all who pray for, bring food on the first Sunday of each month and those who volunteer to unload trucks, drive vehicles loaded with food and vehicles loaded with recycled cardboard to the recycling center, sweep the floor and offer friendly service to our clients on a monthly basis.

Special for the last few years, has been a group of volunteers from Moravian College who volunteer for us each year. This year, they came in September and moved all of the shelving, washed and cleaned the shelves, and reorganized the shelves again. We also received 150 plus pounds of food from Cub Pack 1742, which was added to our inventory of food. We are deeply grateful to Pastor Lynnette Delbridge, Jim Jordan, Joan Carson, Bob Adams, Jacqueline

Adams, Ilse Goedel, Nate Bissey, Bob Brandt, Dale Browder, Michella Cardoso, Dick Chynoweth, Lyn Chynoweth, Kathy Quelet, Linda Wickmann, Max Hernandez, Priscilla Castro, Alex Castro, Debbie Helms, Dick Williams, Judy Williams, Timothy Naisby, Bob Brandt, Lisa Secula, Chris Secula, Tim Brady, Bonnie Davis, and Bob Wascara who are among an ever increasing list of persons whose donation of time is deeply appreciated. Each month we need 16 volunteers working an average of 2 hours per volunteer day (some days more and some days less) to continue to serve the community in the manner we are currently serving. Additional volunteers are always needed and welcome. Please contact Lynnette Delbridge or Dave Wickmann (610-746-0788) for more information. Each month we outline the volunteer opportunities, coupled with time expectations and days preferred, giving each volunteer the opportunity to check their schedule and "sign up" for a specific task

Respectfully Submitted,
David L Wickmann, Director

Knitting into the Mystery

The Prayer Shawls are a ministry of the Busy Workers. The Prayer Shawl Knitting Group began meeting in April of 2009 and meets monthly, except for July and August. We are a meditative knitting group and spend 45 minutes in silence listening to quiet music as we knit. It is a time to be with our God and everyone enjoys the peace it gives them from this hustle-bustle world. We also spend time before and after our meditative time sharing our thoughts and lives with each other and praying over the shawls that have been completed. We meet the 3rd Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in the church office conference room. Please join us, even if you are just learning to knit. We have experienced knitters who love to teach. Just give me a call if you are interested - 610 865-5956.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dorothy Stutzenberger

Moravian Ladies Sewing Society

From the sale of Polly Heckewelder dolls in 2017, we are sharing \$2,460 as listed:

Central Moravian Church	\$375
Central Moravian Church, 275 th Anniversary	275
Central Moravian Church Food Pantry	100
Central Moravian Church, Admin. Assistant	100
Central Moravian Church Sexton	50
Edgeboro Moravian Church	50
Esperanza for Bethlehem	100
Board of World Mission, Unity Women's Desk	50
Moravian Museum	50
Moravian Open Door	100
Moravian Archives	100
Moravian Hall Square Samaritan Fund	100
Moravian Village Samaritan Fund	100
Hope Conference and Renewal Center	50
Nepali Moravian Outreach	100
Star Mountain	50
Tanzanian Orphan Fund	100
Bethlehem Emergency Sheltering	50
Central Moravian Church, Campership Fund	100
Moravian Disaster Response	300
Central Moravian Church, Bulletin Insert	60
Moravian Music Foundation	100

The Sewing Society is trying to get the word out that we are still making Polly dolls and have been since 1872. The Society demonstrated the making of a Polly doll at the Moravian Historical Society Craft Festival in June and participated at the Moravian Village Moravian Craft Festival in December. We welcome opportunities to provide information about the Polly doll and about Moravians.

We also welcome any sewers to join us to observe, work and fellowship any Tuesday morning from 9 - 11:30 a.m. in the church office conference room, 73 W. Church Street.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Brown, President

Moravian Meals on Wheels

Moravian Meals on Wheels (MMW) is a ministry to those who could use some support by having meals prepared for them. Whether you are sick, just home from the hospital, not in the best of health, grieving a loss, OR a happy occasion like just having a baby, we would like to be of assistance to you. Please let us know if you would like our services or know of someone who could use our help. There are TEN people on the committee just waiting to cook for you! Please call me with your suggestions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dorothy Stutzenberger

Moravian Women

Moravian Women is comprised of several circles/groups of women who meet at various times on a monthly basis. Spiritual growth through Bible Study, fellowship and service is encouraged. Financial contributions are given to local and denominational causes as well as to Central's congregation and Provincial Women projects. We welcome other women to visit and/or join a circle meeting anytime throughout the year.

2017 Moravian Women Activities:

- Held a homemade soup sale for the congregation.
- Box-trimmed candles for delivery to local/out of town home-bound members.
- Encouraged and signed up church members to pray during the 24 hours of the Unity Prayer Watch.
- Offered its annual appeal on behalf of Tanzanian Orphans. Drs. Bill and Peg Hoffman spoke at both worship services on October 29 about the many aspects of progress in specific villages.

Church members responded to the appeal by generously contributing \$4,060.00 as of January 4, 2018.

Charitable gifts in 2017:

Central Moravian Food Pantry	\$300
Morning Star Senior Living (Hall Square)	100
Good Samaritan Fund (Moravian Village)	100
Lib Miller Fund	100
New Bethany	200
Trinity Episcopal Meal Program	100
Victory House	200
Esperanza's Children's Program	200
Blanket Fund	100
Central Women's Shelter	400
Central Capital Fund 275 th Anniversary	500
Appreciation Gifts	100

Budgeted contributions to the Northern Provincial Moravian Women includes \$100 to the Lib Miller Fund, which financially helps Moravian Women from other countries attend MW conferences.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jacqueline Jean, President

Peanut Makers

This group has been together for over 40 years to roast peanuts and cashews which are sold to raise money for different projects of the church. During 2017 we met four times, selling 139 pounds of peanuts and 154 pounds of cashews, which was down from prior years. We had difficulty scheduling around Moravian Academy schedules and concerns for children with peanut allergies. This past fall we were able to adjust schedules so that we can be in operation September to November, and January to April. Peanut making dates are advertised in the *Sunday Times*.

The price for peanuts is \$2.50 ½ lb. and cashews are \$4 ½ lb. which has held constant for the past five years. Anyone interested in working with the Peanut Makers, please call Jean Jackson at 610-868-3773.

Our contributions for this year were:

Church World Blankets	\$200
Moravian Open Door	200
Central Moravian Memorial	50
Appreciation Gifts	100
Book of Worship	100

Central Moravian Bulletin Sponsor

60

Total contributions

\$710

Respectfully Submitted,
Jean G. Jackson

Prayer Chain

We have 67 people on our prayer chain. If you have a prayer concern for a family member or friend, please send me an email or call and I will be glad to add them to the prayer list (mgrandma13@gmail.com or 484-707-4680). I check the obituaries each morning and also get requests from the staff.

If you would like to be a part of this ministry, send me your email address and I will add it to our list. I sent many requests this year, sometimes twice a day. It is a great way for our congregation to keep informed of who is ill or if someone has passed away.

I was in need of many requests myself this year for friends and family members and I felt comforted to know that others were concerned and praying with me.

This is a ministry that I am very happy to be a part of.

Respectfully Submitted,
Miriam Devey, Prayer Chain Coordinator

Putz Committee

In 2017, we had 74 people help with moss gathering, construction, hosting, and deconstruction of the Putz. The hard work done by these volunteers enabled us to show the Putz to 3,354 people from 32 states and 10 foreign countries. We raised over \$4,000 from donations and bus tours.

There were no planned improvements made to the Putz for this year. There was an unplanned replacement of the Putz control system, due to a failure of our current system. We will be looking at getting the failed control system repaired so we can have a backup for the future.

Richard Miller, our Volunteer Coordinator, is retiring

from that position at the end of the current Putz season. The Putz Committee would like to thank him for all of the hard work he has done over the years to help make the Putz a success.

Respectfully Submitted,
Will Schwab, Chair

Star and Candle Shoppe

The Star and Candle Shoppe began its season once again on Friday, November 24 through December and at various times for bus tours.

A dozen talented artisans provided beautiful, handmade items for us to sell. The shop has provided a substantial gift to Central Moravian Church and for the budget.

We thank all who in the midst of a busy season were able to lend their time, talents and gifts of genuine hospitality to the important ministry of the Star and Candle Shoppe.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelly D. Watson, Shoppe Manager

Twenty Minute Society

The Twenty Minute Society distributed \$10,966 to help 19 people and organizations for 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy Thomas, President

Officers: Beth Boyer, Tekla Culpepper, Barbara Heske, Margaret Krawiec

