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A GIFT FROM OUR COMMUNITY TO MANY COMMUNITIES



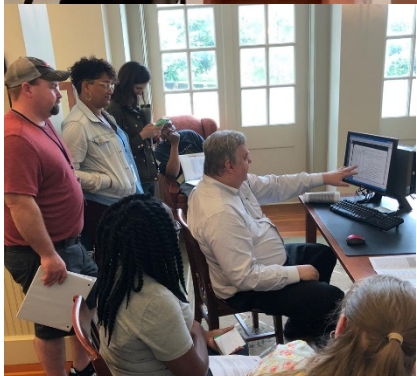
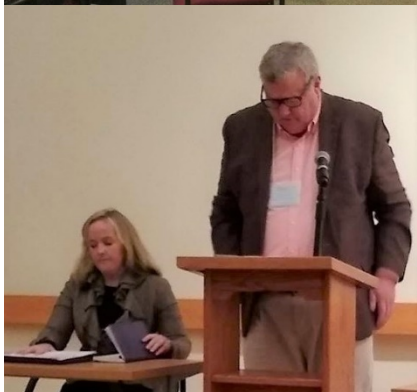
With your support this last year, our Archives continues to be blessed to be a blessing for many, within and far beyond the Moravian community. If you think we are honored caretakers of the great volume of records and letters and life stories of the Moravian Church and its members in the Southern Province since 1752, you would be absolutely correct. But if you think those records are of value just to Moravians, if you think they document only days gone by and are not relevant to new generations and new audiences, let me share with you some of what has happened here just the last few months.

Public Outreach – Archivist Eric Elliott gave two talks for Historic Preservation Month in May, one for New Winston Museum on the history of local hotels and then a public Lunchtime Lecture here on Archives resources for historic preservation. He spoke on the creation of a database of enslaved and free persons by Archives volunteers in October to African Americans in Philadelphia studying genealogy. Assistant Archivist Nicole Crabbe gave an excellent presentation on the Moravian ship “Irene” at a public Lunchtime Lecture in November. Family Researchers – Three new volunteers went through training to become Family History Docents, helping the over hundred family history researchers we welcome here yearly.

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Archives Outreach. Sheila Reeves’ November photo of Rural Hall candle trimming started the submission of digital materials by church administrators under new Archives procedures; Assistant Archivist Nicole Crabbe was preserving records on site in August after the closing of Bethesda congregation; Archivist Eric Elliott presented database work on St. Philips’ church register to the African American Genealogical Group in Philadelphia, PA in October.

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We help another hundred through online inquiries and now ordering of memoirs. New Partnerships – We co-sponsored with other Moravian groups Old Salem’s “A Class Divided” November film showing and discussion on racism. We received new support for an established publication and funding to start a series of outreach exhibits (see page 4). And we held in November a first meeting of area academics and Moravian research centers to begin what we hope will be a new local Moravian Studies Collaborative. Service to Moravians – Archivist Elliott gave presentations to Salemtowne in May and in later months to congregations at Advent, New Philadelphia, Ardmore, First Church Greensboro, and Konnoak Hills. We created new guidelines for churches to submit some records digitally and partnered to help Sunnyside Ministries at its West Salem Dewey’s Holiday store. Growing our Skillset – Finally, to better serve our communities, Archivist Elliott attended the Bethlehem Archives’ German Script Course and workshops by the NC Preservation Consortium.



“There can be no Christianity without community.” - Nikolaus Ludwig v. Zinzendorf
(Image: Moravian Archives)

Engaging with our Communities (from upper left to right, then down the side): New September class of Family History Docents with Docent Mary Audrey Apple ready to help genealogy researchers; Unity Youth New World Tour with young people from Africa, Europe, the Caribbean and the Americas visiting in August; Assistant Archivist Nicole Crabbe presenting a Lunchtime Lecture on the Moravian ship “Irene” in November; Archivist Eric Elliott leading a workshop at First Church Greensboro’s October Laurel Ridge retreat; Elliott presenting a paper on Moravian memoirs at the 6th Bethlehem Conference on Moravian History and Music in October; Elliott showing Public History students from Middle Tennessee State University our resources as they work on Old Salem’s Hidden Town project in May; Elliott interviewed in July on statewide Spectrum News on Archives resources paired with ground-penetrating radar to recover names of those in unmarked graves in the Church’s second African graveyard. With photos from Erik Salzwedel (Unity Youth), New Winston Museum (“Irene” lecture), MTSU’s Digital History Program and First Greensboro’s Meredith Cohoon.

NEW CHALLENGE GRANT FOR OUR SUPPORTERS

Every dollar above last year's gift will be matched – and every new donor as well!

Last year our Friends community responded when we received an anonymous \$5000 challenge gift and earned the full match. This year Sallie Greenfield and the Greenfield Ministries Fund has pledged up to a \$5,000 match for all new donors and every dollar above your 2017 calendar-year giving. Our \$300,000 budget is funded now in nearly equal shares by the Southern Province of the Moravian Church, the Salem Congregation of Moravian churches, and the annual and planned gifts of individual financial contributors like you. Help us grow our ability to serve our church community, our local community in North Carolina, and the many communities of interest far and wide which use and value our resources. We thank you for your support!

ANNUAL GIVING FORM

Yes! I want to help the daily operations, community outreach, and special projects of the Moravian Archives.

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A Glimpse Ahead

We were recently asked by Salem Congregation to work with the Moravian Music Foundation to envision our needs as we saw them in the years ahead. Our building is nearing twenty years old, and major expenses in the repair and maintenance of our facility lie ahead – this year alone there will be over \$18,000 in repairs and upgrades to our building systems, half unscheduled. We need to guard against the intrusion of water and mold into the building, and repair cracks in the walls and improve the terrace facing God's Acre. Some of our capital improvements and maintenance are actually also opportunities, like better signage, seating around and beautification of our courtyard for events, and making better use of our walls as display and exhibit space.

Other programming areas await extra staffing and in-house technology help. We envision a facility with its contents fully searchable by folks the world over through an online catalog. We want an archives that has its photographs and audiovisual collection available for online perusal and purchase. We want publications that outreach to young people to teach them about our past, and wish to collaborate with scholars from a variety of disciplines to share our and area resources for studying our community. We want to be present for all members of the local community as a resource for our shared local history. And we want to be welcoming to individuals from a host of cultural backgrounds to discover their connection to our Moravian community. Even with today's challenges, we are excited by the possibilities for this place as we glimpse ahead. – J. Eric Elliott, Archivist



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DESIGNATED GIFTS FUNDING CHEROKEE PROJECT, NEW EXHIBITS

In September the Archives received an initial \$1000 contribution from Wachovia Historical Society President I. B. Southerland towards what will be a \$5000 gift. In late 2017 WHS pledged \$1000 in annual support for five years to the Moravian Archives Book Fund. Monies will subsidize publication costs of the *Records of the Moravians Among the Cherokees* book series. Volume 9 in that series is nearing printing.

In October the Archives received a \$1500 grant from the Garden Club Council of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County that pairs with a \$500 grant received from the Old Salem Garden Club in July to fund the creation of three traveling exhibits over the next year. All are "Treasures from the Archives" which will highlight our resources for studying the area's horticultural history. A first exhibit is scheduled to open in January 2019. We are grateful for these gifts enabling us to continue ongoing and to create new educational outreach.



Archivist Eric Elliott with Wachovia Historical Society President I. B. Southerland and Records Editor Richard W. Starbuck. An autograph book entry from the upcoming traveling exhibit "The Languages of Flowers in Moravian Wachovia." (Photo by Erik Salzwedel)